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Netanyahu may be asked to volunteer cuts in **US** aid

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A leading congressman, joined perhaps by key senators, is expected to tell Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu during his visit to Washington next week that the \$1.2 billion in non-military US aid to Israel should be cut in the future, a Capitol Hill source said

According to the source, Rep. Sonny Callahan (Rep.-Alabama), head of the influential House Appropriations Foreign Operations Subcommittee, is to tell the coogressional leadership next week that Congress ensured that aid to Israel was oot cut for the opcoming fiscal year begin-ning in October. However, if Israel

does not volunteer a cut for fiscal

1998, Congress will do so, the Moreover, the source said this may be also voiced to Netanyahu by key members of the Senate such as John Kyl (Rep.-Arizona), Frank Lautenberg (Dem.-NJ) and Dianne Feinstein (Dem.-California).

Sources say that some key members of Congress want to hold Netanyahu to a promise he made in a pre-election interview with The Jerusalem Post. In the interview, he said he wanted to wean Israel away from the \$1.2 billion in economic aid in the next four to

But sources close to Netanyaho doubt he will offer cuts. Rather, he will point to current budget cutting and plans for structural marketeconomy reforms as signs Israel is serious about getting its own bouse in order, and will ask for more unspecified time before US

economic cuts are made. There is also an expectation that during his visit to the US, Netanyahu will soft-pedal his support for the decision made by Congress to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem by 1999.

By stressing calls for quick implementation, sources say, he would embarrass President Bill Clinton during the US election campaign.

Netanyahu is to meet with Clinton at the White House next Tuesday and Republican challenger and co-sponsor of the US Embassy move Robert Dole in New York on Friday.

American Jewish leader denied Russian visa

MOSCOW (AP) - An American Jewish leader who was active in helping Jews leave the Soviet Union said yesterday his request for a Russian visa had been denied, in what he called a troublesome signal of Moscow's attiinde toward Jews.

David Harris, execuove director of the American Jewish Committee, had planned to participate in a conference in St. Petersburg this week on the future of Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union.

He said in an interview from New York that Russian officials told the travel agency that handled his visa application that it was rejected because of his past activities.



Netanyahu backs away from separation idea

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu distanced his government yesterday from the idea of separation, a notion which was embraced by the Labor government and which has been promoted by his own Internal Security Mioister Avigdor

When asked pointedly at a session with the Foreign Press Association yesterday whether he wanted to continue the policy of building fences between Israel and the territories. Netanyahn replied: "We are not committed to that line of thinking. I would like to envision, in a future settlement, an open arrangement that these are not sealed equities that do not live and breathe and interact with each other. I think this is oot the prescription for peace that I would like to see."

Since taking office, Netanyahu has not made public reference to a Palestinian "entity" nor defined how he envisions it.

The prime minister emphasized Palestinian economic progress as the key, saying he believes this could come about best through open areas. "I think the economic component to peace could be very beneficial and stabilizing and good from a human point of view. I would like, as far as possible, to express that arrangement in the policies of openness between the Palestinian autonomy and Israel."

The notion of separation was strongly favored by the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, and supported in a report that emerged from an interministerial panel chaired by then-internal security minister Moshe Shahal.

and BILL HUTMAN

The idea, however, was opposed by former prime minister Shimon Peres, osiensibly on the same economic grounds put forward yesterday by Netanyahu. However, Peres changed his mind and announced his support for separation after the spate of four suicide bombings

earlier this year.

The notion of separation, however, was reiterated yesterday by Kahalani.

Speaking on Israel Radio, he said, "The hour has come to separate from [the Palestinians] in peace, to put a fence between us and them in areas that serve

Netanyahu did not respond to a ques-oon yesterday about when he would lift the closure, saying it would depend upon security conditions. There had been reports yesterday that the IDF recom-mended gradually lifting the closure, so as to avoid a pressure-cooker atmosphere in the territories. (Story, Page 2)

Kahalani said the time has come "to put up fences" between Israel and the Palestinians "in those places where it serves us."

There is a [security] problem and we have arrived at the point where we must make a decision in what direction we want to bead in handling it," Kahalani said on Israel Radio.

Kahalani warned of an increase in Palestinian terror, and said this was why, from a purely security point of view. police favor the continuation of the tight closure on Judea, Samaria, and Gaza that prevents most Palestinians from entering

He added that he understands the humanitarian reasons behind some of the calls for the closure to be lifted.

"In my opinion, and with a view to the future, and understanding of what will happen between us and the Palestinians. I understand that they will not accept that they won't get Jerusalem and that we won't agree to return to the 1967 bor-ders," Kahalani said.

From this ... I understand that terror will increase ... and the time has come to be separated from them, to put a fence (Continued on Page 2)

Cabinet approves NIS 4.9 billion budget cut DAVID HARRIS and DAVID MAKOVSKY PM: Egged

THE cabinet yesterday agreed on a NIS 4.9 billion cut to next year's budget and set a target of lowering the balance of payments deficit by 2.8 percent of the gross domestic

Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu pledged that Israel will embark on a "sweeping liberalization policy," which will include privatization and deregulation alongside the necessary budget-

cutting.

During yesterday's five-and-a-half-hour cabinet meeting, 12 ministers voted in favor of the proposals brought by the prime minister and Finance Minister Dan Meridor.

Five others, led by Yitzhak Mordechai (Likud), together with party colleagues David Levy and Moshe Katsav, and the NRP's Zevulun Hammer and Yitzhak Levy, voted for a compromise budget. This would lead to a 3.5% balance of payments deficit in 1997, with further reductions of 0.5% a year unoi the end of the

century. The Defense and Educacion Ministries, under Mordechai and Hammer respectively, are among

those which will be bardest hit when the fioal budget is set.

While Meridor, said he understands each minister must represent his best interest, he compared the cabinet to a family. First you see how much money you have, then you ask the child what he wants. You don't ask all the children what they want first and then clarify where the money's coming

on ministry allocations and set the

Meridor said the cuts will not lead to a decrease in the standard of living next year, and pledged again to do his utmost to ensure the poor and weak are not affected by the measures. Having received cabinet approval for the macro-

The cabinet is expected to vote

final details of the budget before Netznyahu leaves for the United States next Mooday. Both Meridor (who flies out on Wednesday) and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel will accompany him and it is thought the three are keen to show a finalized budget plan to US President Bill Clinton.

economic picture, Meridor (Continued on Page 2)

should face competition DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu suggested yesterday he is planning to open up Egged to competition from new bus

Speaking to the Foreign Press Association, Netanyahu declared: If you have the largest bus cooperative in Israel, you should see whether the price of bus fares in Israel is lower or higher than where there are, for example, competing bus companies.

"Where there are monopolies, you will see that the staples of life cost more. Since the staples are a high proportion of the lowerincome classes, the lack of a free market penalizes the least fortunate members of the society. I intend to change that.

"I intend to create a lower cost in most areas of life for goods and services for the population as a whole and this will most directly [benefit] the least fortunate."

Histadrut declares war on government budget cuts

MICHAL YUDELMAN

Yeltsin, Zyuganov out of limelight before vote

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gets some advice and a friendly pat on the shoulder from Bank

of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel during yesterday's cabinet discussion on the budget. (Ariel Jerostinski)

MOSCOW (Reuser) - The two players in the final act of Russia's elecoon drama were left in the wings yesterday, as a final-day campaign-ing ban kept them out of the lime-

For President Boris Yeltsin's team, it was a relief. Aides said the 65year-old president, who dropped suddenly out of sight on June 26 and reappeared stiff and wooden in a prerecorded television broadcast on

Monday, was doing paperwork. Communist Gennady Zyuganov, who was just three points behind Yeltsin in the first round of balloting on June 16, canceled a planned news conference, apparently for fear of violating election law.

But Russia's largely pro-Yelisin media and the Kremlin spin doctors scrambled for ways to give an extra boost to the president, who stayed closeted in his country dacha near Moscow yesterday, trying to fight off an untimely bout of ill-health.

Aides say a low turnout, favoring the more disciplined communist electorate, is the main threat to Yeltsin. State television ran urgent appeals from well-known personalities urging people to vote - though without saying for whom.

Turnout in the first round was nearly 70 percent. Kremlin and independent analysts say 60 percent or less speals danger for Yehsin.

With so much at stake, the Kremlin has launched a major damage limitation campaign to play down the significance of Yeltsin's illness on the eve of a poll which he has billed as a crusade to stop a commmist comeback in Russia.

Since communist times, ill-health in the Kremlin leadership has been synonymous with political weak-

Aides said Yeltsin had lost his voice during vigorous first-round campaigning and Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin said he was getting over a cold. Yeltsin had two mild heart attacks

in 1995, but he staged a remarkable recovery this year, criss-crossing the country and dancing for the cameras during the first-round campaign. The Russian media has drawn lit-

tle attention to his illness and many people across the vast federation remained unaware of concern over his beaith.

The Kremlin press service even resorted to playing up the defeat of the former communist rulers in Mongolian elections on Sunday. Yelisin was "satisfied that the peoples of Russia and Mongolia are moving towards freedom, democracy and prosperity".
"Even Mongolian herdsmen vote

for democracy," the pro-Yeltsin daily Investia said in a front-page headline. Yeltsin's spokesman, Sergei Medvedev, said the president would vote today in the southwestern Moscow suburb where he cast his ballot in the first round. Press aides began to make preparations for journalists to cover the event.

An official in Yeltsin's press service, Igor Ignatyev, also dismissed numors that the Kremlin leader had been taken to hospital. He said someone was "making money" in Western financial markets out of the

In Moscow, concern about Yelism's health kept foreign investors away from the once-booming share market,

but bond prices rose. Zyuganov's camp has sought to reap as much capital from Yeltsin's predicament as possible, following his rigid and unconvincing bearing in the television broadcast.

"We haven't seen him for several days and today they showed us a painted murniny as if they'd just got it from the mausoleum," Zyuganov backer Stanislav Govorukhin told a news conference on Monday. Today they are suggesting we vote

for a living corpse. Lebed seeks power, Page 4

THE Histadrul declared yesterday it would fight the government's planned budget cuts and other economic measures, which it said will lead to mass dis-

missals, unemployment, and recession. Histadrui Chairman Amir Peretz is to meet Finance Minister Dan Meridor today and plans to warn the government not to violate signed wage and pension agreements. Peretz will also demand detailed information concerning the social services to be cut under

the government's economic plan.
"All those who criticized the Histadrut's one-bour strike on Monday as unjustified, today realize just how right and justified it was. But yesterday's strike was a moderate, polite step compared to what the Histadrut is planning for the near future." Peretz said.

The announcement of the government's plan to slash the budget by some NIS 5 billion appareotly took Peretz by surprise. On Monday, Peretz had a relaxed, friendly meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who promised him that the ecocomic measures would not harm salaried work-

The drastic cut, Peretz said angrily, constitutes "a severe blow to the education, welfare, and social services, and will lead to mass dismissals, mainly in the civil service: but they [the government] will also demand dismissals in the government corporations. The cuts spell direct, immediate damage to the weaker classes and wage earners."

Peretz will demand that Meridor, at their meeting today, explicitly state that the government will uphold signed agreements regarding wages, pen-

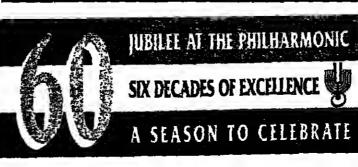
sions, and the cost-of-living increment. Peretz warned that the government is playing a decepove political trick on the public.

What the government is doing appears to be a calming, sophisticated political move. They're saying, 'We'll have to hurt the public during the first year, beat it slowly during the second and third year, and then ease up and make things better in the fourth

"But such a drastic move will cause so many casualties, that they won't recover for many years. The measures the government is planning will lead to severe unemployment. The prime minister assured me [Monday] that he has no intention of hurting the weaker classes and hired workers. But such a drastic cut in services in such a short time, which the workers will have to pay for, will definitely damage their

income and worsen their situation," he said. The Histadrut is preparing to struggle, both in the Knesset and in the workplaces, to prevent the gov-

ernmeot cutbacks. "I hope we find enough partners in the Knesset to topple the attempts for this political manipulation, which says let's slash the budget drastically in the first year, to create a reserve for the coming years,



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Turkish PM: Israel must leave Golan

ANKARA (Reuter) - Turkey's new Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan yesterday called for Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights and promised closer relations with the Arab

"Israel must ahide hy United Nations decisions and, as a first step to secure peace in the Middle East, withdraw from the territories it invaded, including the Golan Heights," Erbakan told a delegation of visiting US State Department officials.

Érbakan became Turkey's first Islamist leader under a coalition deal with the Conservative True Path Party, led by former prime minister Tansu Ciller last week.

He has, so far, not repeated a previous vow to scrap the military agreement between Israel and

"It is necessary for the stability

of the region for Turkey to form closer relations with all the brotherly Moslem countries in the region," Erbakan said, in a statement released to the medin after the meeting with US offi-

He has also said he would not hreak Turkey's close nes to the

Tension was running high between Syria and Turkey until last week. Last month tension escalated, with each country claiming the other had massed troops on their shared border.

Damascus hit their lowest ebb after Turkey signed the military pact with Israel in February. Erbakan also told the US delegation he favored changes in the mandate of a US-led air force that patrols northern Iraq from an air base in southern Turkey.

Relations between Ankara and



Former defense minister Moshe Arens (right) and Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath dine yesterday in London during a conference on the Middle East.

Shamir: Israel delaying

AMBASSADOR to Jordan Shimon Shamir said yesterday Israel is violating its peace treaty with Amman by not granting Jordanians entry permits quickly.
"We signed a peace agreement with the Jordanians which says we will

Jordanian visas

give visas to applicants within five days," Shamir told Army Radio. We are now standing in breach of the peace agreement.

"The issue is turning into a very painful problem in the relations between Israel and Jordan," Shamir said. Shamir did not say how long it was taking on average to get a visa. He added that more than 200 visa requests flooded in daily, but that officials screening them in Israel granted permits to only a fraction of the

People line up at our consulate at two or three in the morning with blankets. They're cold, waiting until we open, and in the end they don't get in," be said. "Yesterday ... a consulate employee was struck by peo-

ple who had lost their patience." Jordanians complained that while they hosted more than 150,000 Israelis last year, it was difficult for them to receive clearance to visit Israel or the West Bank, Shamir said.

He said he could not give a figure on bow many Jordanians had visited in that time, but that it was a "very much smaller number" than the number of Israelis who visited Jordan.

Autopsy shows baby was not murdered

THE two-month-old baby who was brought lifeless to the emergency ward in Kiryat Shmona on Monday was not murdered by her father, according to the findings of an autopsy. Doctors and police believe suspicious signs on the baby's body were caused by the father's attempts to revive her after she slipped from his hands and

The father, who was arrested on Monday, will come before a Safed court today to have his remand extended, while the forensic evidence is examined to see whether there are grounds to charge him with negligence. The baby was buried last night in Kiryat Shmona.

PA cancels children's rights forum JON IMMANUEL

THE Palestinian Authority canceled a multilateral preparatory conference on children's rights in Bethlehem yesterday, after the government refused to allow it to host a reception for Arab delegations in the Jerusalem hotel where they were staying, Marwan Kanafani, a spokesman for PA President Yasser Arafat said.

"We canceled it, because when we had a reception at the Orient House the Israelis made a fuss. So we moved to a hotel and they made a fuss about that. We will resume it when the Israelis treat us as civilized human beings and allow us to have a reception in Jerusalem," said Kanafani.

Foreign diplomatic sources confirmed the Palestinian version of the incident.

Six delegations, including experts and Foreign Ministry officials from Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Switzerland, the US, and Israel, were

to have participated. The Egyptian and Jordanian delegations were staying at the Seven Arches Hotel on the Mount of Olives and the Palestinian Authority planned to bost a reception there.

Dr. Phillip Veerman, director of the Israeli office of Defense for Children International, said Foreign Ministry officials came to the conference only to say that they would not participate in it if the reception took place in Jerusalem.

"I am concerned that a meeting on children's rights, which could have been a bridge to peace, was pulled into politics," Veerman said. The meeting is likely to be rescheduled in

The prime minister's spokesman, Shai Bazak,

said he knew nothing of the incident. Foreign Ministry and Internal Security Ministry spokesmen could not be reached for comment.

The government has said it will not allow diplomatic meetings at Orient House, but has not mentioned hotels. A Palestinian reception. for visiting delegations to a Tourism conference, held at the same hotel, was permitted under the previous government, but meetings by NGOs at Jerusalem hotels were sometimes harmed.

In Gaza, meanwhile, Peace Bloc leader Uri Avnery met with Arafat and was told by the latter that he has the feeling of "a complete break" in relations with the Israeli government. Asked whether he was encouraged by his meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's policy adviser, Dore Gold, Arafat

IAF hits terror base in **Lebanon**

DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes struck at a Palestinian terror group base in the eastern part of Lebanon's Bekaa Valley yesterday, only a few kilometers from the border with Syria.

The IDF Spokesman said the target hit in the morning raid helonged to Abu Monssa's Palestine National Liberation Movement and was used as a

launching pad for attacks.

The spokesman said the pilots reported direct hits on the target and all the planes returned safely.

The PNLM claimed responsibil ity for last week's ambush of an IDF patrol in the Jordan Valley, north of Jericho, in which three soldiers were killed and two others wounded.

The organization, headquartered in Damascus, is headed by Abu Moussa, a former colonel in Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah organization who broke away

from the PLO in 1983. Reports from Lebanon said the IAF warplanes fixed four air-toground missiles at the base near Aita al-Foukhar. News agencies quoted eye witnesses as saying the explosions could be heard from the base for two hours after the

The reports said an ammunition dump may have been hit by one or more of the rockets, although the PNLM issued a statement saying that a logistics office had been hit. The area itself was reported to have been sealed off by Syrian and Lebanese army troops as well as members of the PNLM.

It was the first IAF raid on targets in Lebanon since the formation of the new government and was authorized by the security cabinet in retaliation for the Jordan Valley ambush.

Last night, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said the IAF had attacked the same terror group that days earlier had attacked the IDF, Israel Radio reported.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah continued its recent wave attacks on the South Lebanese Army vesterday, Several mortar rounds were fired at an SLA post in the western sector of the zone without causing the military government said vis- ; any cosualties or damage. IDF

Moledet: Closure must not be lifted

LIAT COLLINS

MOLEDET leader Rebayam Ze'evi yesterday spoke out against the evaluation by the security forces that the closure of the territories should be lifted.

General Security Service head Ami Ayalon; OC. Central Command Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan, OC Southern Command, Maj. Gen. Shlomo Yanai, and Oren Shahor, coordinator of government activities in the territories, be eased, Ha'aretz reported yes-

"It looks like this evaluation was ordered by and coordinated with [the government]," Ze'evi said. "Everyone can see the closure prevents terror or at least reduces its scope. One recalls that [then] defense minister Shimon Peres ruled the closure would? remain in effect until the elections. in order to prevent terror. If the government cancels the closure now, it will be responsible for the attacks that take place," Ze'evi

Meretz faction leader Ran Cohen said the closure should be eased, but not lifted all at once. "Hastily lifting it completely could bave lethal consequences,

heaven forbid," Cohen said. He called on the government to

adopt former internal security minister Moshe Shahal's plan for physical, separation, with super-vised border crossings.

Former interior munister Haim Ramon (Labor) yesterday submit-

ted an urgent motion to the agenda demanding the government rain from lifting saying the entry of tens of thousands of workers from the territories would pose a threat to security. AP adds: Some 250 Palestinians were allowed to visit

relatives at Megiddo Prison in the North yesterday after security arrangements were worked out between the IDF and the Red Cross, which arranges the visits.

Peter Lerner, a spokesman for its were expected to continue all gumers returned fire. week and visits to other prisons, would begin next week. Visitors will have special passes issued by the IDF, be said.

We understand that the visit are a necessity," he said. "But we didn't want people going on Red Cross buses and getting off on the way to the prison to go to work, or to blow themselves up."

opment, infrastructure, and

laxman to call on prostitutes

RAINE MARCUS

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IF the Income Tax authorities have their way, prostitutes working on the streets, from escort agencies, or at massage parlors will have to pay their dues soon. Until now, authorities have peri-

odically raided massage parlors and escort services together with police, but so far "working girls" have been able to avoid paying taxes on their cash. Some three years ago, tax authorities arrested several Tel Aviv escort-agency owners for tax evasion. Some reached an agreement and paid their back-taxes, while at least one owner was indicted for tax-eva-

Ephraim Hermoni, assistant income tax commissioner in charge of investigations, said yesterday the authority would make every effort to collect the taxes

during the coming weeks.

The earnings of call-girls working from offices or massage par-lors are easier to check than those of street prostitutes, because business operators usually list clients and women's names. One israeli escort service even advertises on the Internet, using graphics which include near-pornographic pho-

tographs. Regarding others, said Hermoni, officials and police have various ways of examining earnings, including checking bank accounts and the acquisition of property.

"All earnings are subject to tax payments," said Hermoni.

In other matters, over the past few weeks tax officials have also been cracking down on companies and non-profit organizations whose owners or managers failed to pay employers taxes, which are supposed to be paid on the 15th of every month.

Some NIS 13 million in taxes were paid by Tel Aviv company owners after agreements were reached with the authorities.

Netzarim fails to reach agreement over road

EVELYN GORDON

RESIDENTS of Netzarim yesterday failed to okay an arrangement proposed by the army regarding Palestinian traffic on the road past the settlement, but are deferring any sanctions until another meeting with OC Southern Command Maj. Gen. Shlomo Yanai later this week.

The argument is over the army's decision last week to open the road past the settlement to Palestinian policemen. The road, which passes some 20 meters from Netzarim, had been closed to Palestinians for the previous 18 months following a wave of terror attacks committed on it. Residents charge that opening it again constitutes a security danger to them. They therefore blocked the road in protest for two days last week, but called off sanctions just before Shabbat after reaching a tempo-

SOCIAL & PERSONAL THE WERKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place tonight at 7.30 p.m. at Beit Shomel, 6 Shama St. Gala changeover dinner. rary compromise with the army. Representatives of the settlement met with Yanai in Tel Aviv on Monday to discuss a more permanent arrangement, and left the meeting saying it had been very positive. However, at a meeting of the entire settlement which lasted into the early hours of yesterday morning, the residents declined to

approve the army's proposal.

At the same time, however, they also decided not to reject it entirely and reopen sanctions, following a promise by Yanai to come to Netzarim and meet with the residents later this week. Yanai's visit will give residents a chance to air their concerns and Yanai a chance to explain how his proposal would meet these concerns.

Neither the residents nor the army would divulge details of Yanai's proposal. The temporary compromise reached before Shabbat had been that no more than one Palestinian vehicle every two hours would be allowed on

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Operators of Dutch **Ecstasy** lab sentenced

RAINE MARCUS

THREE Tel Aviv men were given seven-year sentences by Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for their part in setting up a large-scale Ecstasy manufactur-

ing laboratory in Holland. Chemist Yitzhak Bekel, Noah Fein, and Yehezkiel Serbero were arrested in September 1994, and admitted to conspiracy to manufacture and distribnte illicit drugs.

The laboratory was discovered by Israeli and Dutch detectives after a lengthy undercover investigation. The raid was conducted prematurely after an explosion caused by a "work accident" caused police to arrive on the scene.

The factory was equipped to manufacture millions of Ecstasy pills daily, intended for distribution worldwide.

Some of those involved were arrested in Holland and others were detained in Israel. Fein escaped to Belgium and was arrested later. One suspect, Yitzhak Mizrahi, committed suicide la prison in Holland while awaiting extradition. Another, Mordechai Hirsch of the Nadvornaya hassidic sect has denied all connection to the laboratory and his trial is con-

The court heard that Bekel was promised 50 cents for each pill he manufactured - but the plan was aborted with the explosion and subsequent arrests. Several people here were to try out the drug until the perfect formula was

reached, the prosecution said. In sentencing, Judge Avraham Baiser said the three bear criminal responsibility for manufacturing drugs which have become a worldwide epidemic.

Syria: Israel trying to kill peace process

DAMASCUS (Renter) ~ Syria yesterday said it was seeking regional support to confront the new Israeli government which "aims to assassinate the Middle East peace process."

"Israel, under the leadership of the extreme right, headed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, does not hide its intentions of exploding the Middle East anew and on the widest scale to achieve its amounced goal, assassinating the peace process," ruling Baath party newspaper al-

Booth said The official press said the aim of Syrian mediation between Iran and Bahrain was to gather regional support to confront hardline Israeli policies which reject the handing back of Arab lands

"The attacks by Israel and its supporters which the region is witnessing leave its countries with a sole option, to mass all abilities and powers to face these dangerous challenges which threaten their existence," al-Baath said.

SEPARATION

(Continued from Page 1) between us and them in the places where it serves us." Kahalani said. Separation is the best way to prevent the infiltration of terrorists from the territories, he said. Since taking office, Kahalani has spoken out several times in

favor of separation, although he has yet to present a detailed plan of how it should be implemented. He said he agreed in principle with plan of his predecessor,

"[Shahai's separation plan] was not implemented, because of a lack of funding," according to Kahalani. "It was not implemented, because of concern for creating facts on the ground that would bave diplomatic implications," which is also a concern of the government, Kahalani said.

BUDGET CUT

reiterated that he envisages no tax increases as a result.

Before his election, Netanyahn pledged to privatize 50 of the 160 government-owned companies over the next four years.

Meanwhile, economie officials say the government deficit is much higher than reported, running at 10% of the gross national product or an estimated \$8 bil-

deficit without credit dispensation at 2.8% of GDP,* setting govern-ment revenue at NIS 137.3 hillion;* expenditure not to exceed NIS 146.6 billion. The cabinet also agreed a law should be passed paving the way for reduc-ing the deficit between 1997 and 2001, with the following yearly figures:* the 1997 deficit must not exceed 2.8% of GDP;* in 1998, the target will be 2.4%;* in 1999, the maximum rate will be set at 2%;* 1.75% will be the maximum in the year 2000;* by 2001 the balance of payments deficit must be no more than 1.5% of GDP. While supporting the Finance Ministry proposals, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky stressed the importance of research and devel-

(Continued from Page 1)

Netanyahu, speaking yesterday afternoon to the Foreign Press Association at the Prime Minister's Office, suggested that the brunt of budget cuts could come from the "less significant" aspects of defense and social welfare. A rumored prime target for defense cuts includes delaying an expected raise for career officers.

He declared a "sweeping liberalization policy for the Israeli economy. Israel has had incremental structural reforms since 1986 ... We intend to do a lot more in a compressed time. It is privatization and liberalization and deregulation, especially the deregulation program, that will bring the economic growth that I envision," he said.

To drive bome his point about bow so little bas been done on the topic of government deregulation, he said that, so far, no Hebrew. term has been found to describe

The detailed proposals for 1997 include:* setting the domestic deficit without credit dispensation at 2% of GDP;* setting the total

encouraging export growth.

During the discussion, Frenkel called on ministers to make cuts upwards of NIS 6b. in 1996 and 1997. He also said the govern-ment must reduce inflation, which would allow for continuing

liberalization, an end to the concern over foreign exchange rates, and would protect the weak. The only way to buck the trend of increasing deficits and higher inflation is to act immediately by cutting public expenditure, he

Before voting on the measures, Netanyahu told the ministers, "If we don't make the decision today, we won't make the decision ... We can't close the nicksack if everyone tries to put in extra things." The need for urgent action was also stressed by Finance Ministry

DirectorGeneral David Broder. The longer the cuts are put off, the more severe they will have to be, he warned. As a result of the program's implementation, Brodett claimed public expenditure will be reduced from 48% of the gross national product this year to 45% in 1997.

'Israel's stock indexes rose after the meeting amid investors' hopes the central bank would cut interest rates. This was coupled with a strengthening in the shekel to 3.201 to the dollar, up from 3.203 yesterday. (Full report, Page 9) In reaction to the cuts, Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid said the." budget slash will severely reduce welfare and health services. The government can swear a thousand times that it will not hurt the

weaker classes and lower income.

earners, but this would be a lie, he said Michal Yudelman con-

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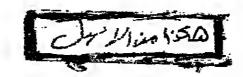
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Four killed on Northern roads

THE carnage on the roads continued yester-day, with four people killed in the North in less

than 24 hours. A father and his five-year old son died and Rebecca Sieff Hospital. three other people were badly hurt when two cars collided on the Safed-Meron road in the

Galilee yesterday evening. Magen David Adom paramedics helped resuscitate the youngster and he was put on a respirator, but later died of his injuries. The

DAVID RUDGE

rest of the injured were taken to Safed's Police said it appears the accident occurred when one of the cars swerved out of its lane

and crashed head-on into the oncoming vehicle. The road was closed for several hours as a In the morning, a car crashed into a tree

between Kibhutz Sde Eliyahu and Kibhutz Tirat Zvi in the Beit She'an Valley region, killing the driver.

Police said the driver, aged 34, from Sde Trumot, had apparently been traveling at high

Meanwhile, a jeep driver who was badly injured in an accident near Kibbutz Ramot Menashe on Monday night died of his injuries in Haifa's Rambam Hospital yesterday.

Jordanian fitted with prosthesis here

A 25-year-old deaf and mute Jordanian woman who lost her leg in a road accident has been brought to Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital for reha-

king to help the young woman.

and sent her to an institution. The girl was then run over hy a car and her leg was damaged. During efforts to save the leg, her hearing was damaged. Finally, surgeons had to amputate the leg from below the knee. They later tried to suit the stump to a prosthesis, but without success.

speech therapy to belp other people like her, the hospital said.

Man stabs former girlfriend to death

A JERUSALEM man stabbed his ex-girlfriend to death and lightly injured her sister, on the street near their Neveh Ya'acov home yesterday afternoon. He then turned himself in to the police.

Hanna Yacobov, 24, who was stabbed several times, was pronounced dead at Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem. Sonya Yacobov, 28, was reported in satisfactory condition at the hospital, with a stab wound to her hand. Sasson Mizrahi, 28, had waited

at their bus stop for the sisters to return from work. Witnesses said Mizrahi first attacked his ex-girlfriend and then ran after the sister. "I saw him stab her three times

and she fell down, and then he ran off after the other girl," said Etti Oz. "At first I thought it was a terror attack. Everyone was screaming, and I also fled," Oz said.

Mizrahi caught up to the sister and stahbed her once, then flagged down a passing vehicle the driver of which apparently had not seen the stabbings - and asked to be taken to the police station. Mizrahi arrived at the Neveh

Ya'acov police station just as police were rushing out, after receiving calls about the incident. "I stabbed her, I stabbed her," Mizrahi called out, and was promptly arrested. Mizrahi, also from Jenusalem,

told detectives he was angry with Hanna Yacobov for rejecting a marriage proposal. There had apparently been several fights between Mizrahi and the woman's brother after the break-up.

On hearing about the stabbings, their brother and father went into shock and had to be hospitalized. Police said the family immigrated several years ago from one of the former Soviet republics.

Mizrahi said he originally planned to shoot his ex-girlfriend, using the weapon he was to be issued earlier in the day when he reported for army reserve duty. He was not taken in for service, however, so he was forced to alter the

In need of a weapon, Mizrahi told investigators he purchased a kitchen knife at the Mahane Yehuda market and then drove to Neveh Ya'acov to wait for his exgirlfriend to return. The sisters worked at a factory in the Atarot industrial zone.

Police sources said Mizrahi is cooperating with investigators and was expected to reenact the stabbings last night.

Ministry

to probe

Peretz to demand Meridor intervene in Turkish plane deal

MICHAL YUDELMAN

HISTADRUT Chairman MK Amir Peretz will demand Finance Minister Dan Meridor's personal and immediate intervention to save the TAAS-Israel Industries commercial contract to upgrade F-4 warplanes for the Turkish air

The contract will be one of the focuses of Peretz's meeting with Meridor today, which was called to discuss the government's economic program.
TAAS union leaders told Peretz

yesterday that the \$600 million project is being held up and may collapse, because the banks are holding up the required \$40m. ioan guarantees.

TAAS union chairman Haim Katz said the banks keep making new demands of the Treasury,

she was "very moved and very happy."

which is not responding promptly. He charged that red tape is "torpe-doing the deal and holding up the financing proposal the hanks were supposed to send the Turkish Treasury. The Turks are eager to go ahead with the deal, but it's stuck and may be lost."

Katz said the banks' bureaucratic demands are threatening projects worth up \$1 hillion in the coming year, by holding up guarantees of tens of millions of dol-

"Every time we lose such a giant international project, it signals to the rest of the world that it is not worthwhile to engage in similar joint projects with us. And then the government will say that TAAS is collapsing because of the workers," Peretz said.

claims of organ sales HEALTH Minister Tzahi Hanegbi yesterday asked his director-general to set up a committee to investigate allegations that a number of hospitals are dealing in ille-

gal sale of organs for transplant.

A story in Ma'ariv yesterday said that many of those selling a kidney are impoverished Palestinians, and that most of the recipients are well-off Israelis or foreigners who come here especially for the transplant.

Organ sales are known to take place in the Third World, and Israeli health authorities have long said strict control procedures prevent the illegal practice here. At present, living donors may give an organ only to a close relative.

The paper named Rahin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, and the private Herzliya Medical Center and Assuta Hospital as dealing in organs. The report claimed some prominent physicians are involved. including Beilinson transplant surgeon Prof. Zaki Shapira, who refused to comment.
Hanegbi asked that the commit-

tee present its conclusions within 30 days. He will also ask Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to investigate. Judy Seigel

JUDY SIEGEL

bilitation at the intercession of King Hussein.

Sheba said the Israeli Embassy in Jordan received a request from the

Ahla Kharisat lost her mother at the age of two. Her father remarried

The woman arrived at Sheba recently, accompanied by a clergyman who is administrative director of the orphanage where she lives. She underwent successful surgery and will soon be trained to walk on an artificial leg. She intends to travel to the US when she is mobile and study

Two rapists get stiff prison terms

TWO rapists received stiff prison terms yesterday. A youth who raped an 11-year-old, who subsequently became pregnant, was sentenced yesterday to eight years' imprisonment and two years: probation by the Tel Aviv District Court.

In Beersheha District Court, Yossi Ohanona, 34, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for raping his 17-year-old girlfriend several times over two months, and threatening to kill members of her family and blow up her house. The first incident occurred last

September, when the youth, who was on a furlough from Tel Mond Prison, met the girl at a kiosk and invited ber to a party. He told the judge the girl had told him she was 14.

After the party, while walking the girl bome, he raped her. The girl's mother did not report the rape at first. But when the girl

learned she was pregnant and applied to get an abortion, the family was told an abortion could not be performed unless they pressed charges. In the Beersheba case, Ohanona, who had met the girl last August,

began threatening her when she told him she no longer wanted to see him, after they had gone out for a month. He told her that if she did not continue to see him, be would behead all her family members and blow up their house with a grenade.

She agreed to continue seeing him, but he then began to abuse her and raped her several times. After two months of this, she complained to police and Ohanona was arrested. (Itim)



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minister or his wife had been taken before the outcome of the elections

was known. Sara Netanyahu, who visited her namesake yesterday, said



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Hunter's encounter helped

expose US paramilitaries

"Terrorism has come to the United States," Magaw said. "Do

not forget for one minnte the

Oklahoma City hombing." Asked

if there was any connection between the Phoenix group and

the Oklahoma bombing, he said,

When the camouflaged men

confronted the hunter in the

remote Tonto National Forest last November and told him to stay off

a service road, he went to police. Instead of moving in, authorities decided to get inside. A state law

enforcement officer went under-

cover and became a member after

the group took an oath to kill any-

What the undercover officer

learned was revealed in an indict-

ment yesterday. The documents

tell of training videos showing government buildings, their secu-

rity features and the best places to

put explosives to bring the build-

Ten men-and two women were

arrested in a series of raids in sub-

arban Phoenix. Neighbors were

evacuated and homes cordoned

off while helmeted federal agents

Neighbor Ellen Daniel stood in

searched suspects' homes.

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area seem their

Though Lebed did not refer to Wednesday's election showdown between Yeltsin and communist Gennady Zyuganov, his image as a man eager to gct down to work kept the flag flying for his patron who was again absent from the public eye on Tuesday.

Monday

year-old Lebed said.

The 65-year-old Kremlin leader ha

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REDISCOVERING CAESAREA

KREMLIN strongman Alexander Lebed, pro-

jecting a vigorous image on the eve of the elec-

rion as his patron President Boris Yeltsin tried

to shake off illness, asked yesterday for new

The tough-talking retired paratroop general, outlining a wide range of security responsibili-

ties, announced tighter visa requirements for foreigners, stiffer punishment for criminals in

organised crime and a crackdown on high-level

Problems have to be solved for the sake of the

future and for that I need additional powers,"

Lebed, brought into the Kremlin by Yeltsin after performing strongly himself in first-round voting on June 16, denied Russian media alle-

"I don't want power for power's sake, I am

not a monster...I am a human being," the 46-

Lebed declared at a news conference.

gations of being power-hungry.

*Our country is huge and very varied.

powers to tackle Russia's security problems.

Gonchigdorj, Chairman of the Mongolian Social Democratic Party is mobbed by supporters outside their headquarters after vot-

ers gave his party an unexpected 48 seats in parliament in Ulan Bator. The Social Democratic victory toppled the ruling former communists after 70 years in power.

Russia's Lebed wants

seen in public for a week and a stilted, pre-

recorded television appearance has done little

Only foreigners dare ask for details when a

Russian president with a history of heart prob-

lems disappears from public view and aides say

Most Russians accept unquestioningly that

After President Boris Yeltsin failed to turn up

at an official event in Moscow last week, his

communist challeoger in today's presidential

electon runoff demanded to see a formal health

Comrade, your health does not belong to

report. It remained a voice in the wilderness.

you. It is state and party property, which is valuable at that," a Soviet-era textbook quoted

Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin as telling

For most of Russia's history its leaders have

not been elected. To keep the huge country under strict control they had to rule from a

fortress covered by a veil of mystery and

was unclear exactly what extra powers

fear", as a 19th century historian once wrote.

the Kremlin leader's state of health is treated as

to persuade the world that he is well.

he has lost his voice.

one of his ministers.

more powers Lebed was calling for. He told state ORT tele-vision late last Friday that he was a "typical MOSCOW strong man and I look more like a vice-presi-

But he later denied saying he wanted such a

Lebed, who holds the post of secretary of the Security Council and is Yeltsin's national security adviser, struck a nationalist tone yesterday. Using the no-nonsense language which is his trademark, he refused to retreat from hard-

line comments about malign foreign inflnences and activities of foreign religious sects Declaring that visa regulations would be tightened up for entry into Russia from abroad,

and taking "a lot out with them". "We are not talking about creating a new from Curtain and closing the country. But the country must defend itself in a civilised way." Lebed, who referred last week to the US-

US: Karadzic's departure only

a first step toward Dayton

WASHINGTON (AP) - Even if the United States succeeds in its quest

to drive Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic from power, US offi-cials see it as only a small, tentative step toward Bosnian Serb compli-

The US wants a different government with different policies, a senior official said after the administration ruefully concluded that Karadzic's

promises to step down were really a hoax.

The departure of Karadzic for the Netherlands to be tried for war

that Karadzic would step down merely because he signed a paper on

The official did not rule out the possibility that more moderate Bosnian Serbs can displace the hard-liners and begin making peace

The one card that the United States and its European allies have for

deposing Karadzic is to reimpose sanctions against Serbia because

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic has failed to dislodge him from

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said sancoons against

This outcome is not going to convince anybody that Karadzic has

taken the steps that everyone in the international community is now

Serbia are a "distinct possibility" hut suggested they were not immi-

Burns ridiculed the purported resignation Sunday by Karadzic.

with their follow Bosnians under the Dayton accords.

power despite heavy US diplomatic pressure.

ance with the Dayton peace accords.

Sunday promising to do so.

demanding," he said.

said many people were coming to Russia

based Mormon religion as "filth", repeated his opposition to the activities of religious sects in

Mormonism is a major US faith that is active in Russia and Lebed's comments produced outrage in the United States and criticism from sident Bill Clinton.

First Lady says Holocaust must not be forgotten War II exterminations of Jews

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) - A grim-faced Hillary Rodham Clinton, touring the death camps of Auschwitz yesterday, called the Holocaust a "terrible part of human history" and warned that the evils of intolerance still lurk.

PHOENIX (AP) - A hunter's chance encounter with camou-

flaged men carrying guns led to

the downfall of an anti-govern-

ment paramilitary group called the "Viper Militia" that is accused

of plotting to blow up government

Thirteen people were arrested

and a search was continuing yes-

terday morning, John Magaw, director of the federal Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said yesterday on ABC's "Good Morning America." Earlier, offi-cials had said 12 people had been

"I believe that will be all ... that's

the primary people that we're interested in now," Magaw said.

Group members were charged

with planning to bomb huildings that housed the FBI and other fed-

eral agencies that symbolized the government they hated for what had happened at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas.

One search remains to be com-

pleted, Magaw said, because work

was halted when investigators dis-covered picric acid, a substance

he said was used in grenades dur-ing World War IL Because it is

dangerous, it was decided to wait

for daylight to continue the

arrested Monday.

"The lessons of this place should never be forgotten," Mrs. Clinton said while standing outside a red-bricked barracks that housed some of the 1.5 million Holocaust victims killed by Nazis in Auschwitz.

The American first lady arrived to Poland from Bucharest, Romania, on the second day of an 11-day tour of seven European

Visibly shaken, Mrs. Clinton viewed ghastly exhibits of human hair, shoes and clothing left behind by Adolf Hitler's victims. Asked to put her feelings into words, Mrs. Clinton shook her head shrugged and said. I just can t. It's overwhelming. She said the intolerance, prejudice and evil that led to the World still exist, though on a smaller

"You can look at what hap-pened in the former Yugoslavia and you can find some of the same words being used, some of the same justifications for ethnic cleansing," Mrs. Clinton said. And America is not immune

from the dangers of intolerance, she said. "We have to stand against church burnings in our own South in order to make a statement against those who would deny the humanity and rights of others based on their race," Mrs. Clinton said.

"I worry a lot about the forces of evil that are unleashed often by people who are attempting to profit in many ways, politically or otherwise."

The first lady said the United States and its allies could have done more to stop the Holocaust, done more to stop the Holocaust, under the Communist regarde will but she acknowledged that the take unit to is appear. She hasted believed at the time.

"I don't think anybody did enough. I don't think our country did enough when we began to get more and more reports" of the genocide, Mrs. Clinton told reporters an hour into the tour. "But I think it was difficult to do anything once the war started,

her front yard and watched as sus-

pected explosives were removed

from suspect Gary Bauer's home.

away from crime," she said.

"We left New York City to get

Another neighbor, Mable

Epperson, said she frequently saw

people coming in and out of Bauer's house in camouflage. A

Jeep painted in camouflage colors

often was parked in the driveway.

hunting," she said.

"I just thought they were going

Attorney General Janet Reno

said something much more insidi-

ons was going on.
She said the suspects plotted to

use explosives to destroy build-

ings housing the FBI, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms, the Internal Revenue

Service, the Immigration and

Naturalization Service, the Secret

Service, and even a local TV sta-

A May 1994 videotape alleged-

ly made by the group features a member discussing security mea-sures, communications equipment

and other features of the targeted

tape gives advice on how to actu-

ally collapse the buildings," US

Attorney Janet Napolitano said.

The voice-over on the video-

buildings.

other than to win the war." But she had harsh words for people today who still doubt Hitler's master plan to exterminate Jews and other perceived enemies of Germany.

"I find it unbelievable that there would be people today who would try to deny this terrible part of human history," said the first lady, who toured with Poland's first lady, Yolanta Kwasniewska, "This was cold, rational evil," Mrs. Clinton said. Earlier in Bucharest. - Mrs.

Climon said the fear and indigni-ty that Romalian wonler and med horrors were too great to be a forum of non-government organizations.

Margaux Hemingway found dead

SANTA MONICA (AP) -Margaux Hemingway, the model-turned-actress and troubled granddaughter of Ernest Hemingway, was found dead in her seaside apartment. The death did not appear to be

a suicide and there was no sign of forced entry or foul play, police said. "At this point we're not sure what happened to her," coroner's spokesman Fred Corral crimes by a UN tribunal, the official said, would be a welcome but insufficient step toward fulfilling the goal of a unified, democratic Bosnia, with the three main ethnic groups living in harmony.

The official, asking not to be identified, didn't bold out much hope

said. An autopsy was expected today.

The 41-year-old Hemingway, who moved into the secondfloor apartment a few weeks ago, had oot been seen by friends or oeighbors sioce Saturday. A friend, concerned that Hemingway hadn't returned

der to peek through the window and saw the body on a bed. Coroner's officials identified the body by information from relatives, identification Hemingway had on her and a description of recent dental work, Corral said.

her phone calls, climbed a lad-

Hemingway was a supermodel

in the 1970s, gracing the cover of Voguc, People and Time magazines and making head-lines with a \$1 million contract to promote Faberge's "Babe" perfume. The blonde made her movie debut in "Lipstick" in 1976, opposite younger sister Mariel, and appeared in several other movies, while also strug-gling with alcoholism and bulimia.

Hemingway's agent, David Mirisch, told the Hollywood Reporter and CNN on Monday that she had recently finished shooting The Wild Guide, a nature show for which she was the host for the Westinghouse Broadcasting Group. "For the past week or 10 days,"

she hasn't really been the Margaux Hemingway that we all knew as far as having that 'np' personality," Mirisch told CNN. "We really felt this series was going to bring her back."

Judy Stabile, the friend wbo went to Hemingway's apartment, said the actress had long overcome her much-publicized problems with alcohol and

bulimia. Hemingway was treated at the Betty Ford Center in 1988.

"She doesn't do that stuff, She doesn't drink," she said. Alcoholism and early deaths have plagued the Hemingway

For Ernest Hemingway, one of the most widely read American novelists of the 20th century boozing and physical trauma led to depression, electroshock therapy and a final mental collapse. He shot himself to death on July 2, 1961, 35 years ago yesterday. His brother, sister and father also killed them-

Margaux Hemingway was born in Portland, Oregon, in 1955 to John Hadley "Jack" Hemingway and Byra L. "Puck" Hemingway. She left her Ketchum, Idaho, home for New York City in 1974. Hemingway was married and divorced twice. She was married to her first has band, Errol Wetson, for less than a year. Her marriage to Bernard Foucher lasted 11

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Menendez brothers get life without parole

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lyle and Erik Menendez were sentenced yesterday to life in prison without possibility of parole nearly seven years after they killed their wealthy parents in a salvo of shotgun hlasts. In a hearing devoid of the emotion that wracked the brothers'

trial, Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg calmly pro-nounced the sentence and said he believed they carefully consid-ered whether to kill one or both parents - and decided to kill both. For that reason, he said, each brother was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences. Weisberg also sentenced each brother to 25 years to life for conspiracy. "Each defendant has a right to

appeal this judgment of this court," Weisberg said. The defendants showed no reaction in the husbed courtroom.

Their relatives and frieods

tram derailment kills 30 KIEV (Reuter) - A tram ran

off the rails and hit a concrete barrier in an eastern Ukrainian city on yesterday, killing about 30 people and injuring 50, Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported.

The agency quoted the former Soviet republic's interior

ministry as saying the tram derailed at about 6 p.m. in the industrial city of Dniprodzerzhinsk. The cause of the accident was being investigated.
Interfax said the tram was

travelling down a steep slope when the accident occurred.

President Leonid Kuchma proclaimed today one of mourning. He also ordered the cancellation of all events scheduled for

Wednesday to commemorate the approval by parliament last week of Ukraine's first post-Soviet constitution.

Deal-makers keep a wary step ahead of peacemakers

NCE the Gulf war, the parade of foreign dignitaries and businesspeople through Israel has been without precedent for such a small country.

The breaching of the barricades was brought about by three main factors - the reversal of Russian and East European policy with the fall of Communism, the start of the peace process in Madrid and Oslo, and the consequent easing of the Arab boycott against firms doing business in Israel.

In the past, the nonaligned Third World and the Organization of African Unity had joined forces with Communist, Islamic and Arab blocs (Egypt excepted) to deny Israel diplomatic, economic or enitural recognition.

Today, the rejectionist Arab states, plus Iran (and to a diminishing extent Pakistan and Indonesia) are virtually alone in shunning Israel. Formerly unfriendly Malaysia said in January it is normalizing trade relations.

The most significant breakthrough has been the erumbling of united Arab rejection - and the biggest worry posed by the recent Arab League summit was that it could yet be reinstated.

Yet despite much hard-line Arab rhetorie against Binyamin Netanyahu's new government, most states refused Syria's urging

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to halt their normalization, and there was little enthusiasm for reactivating the Arab boycott office in Damascus.

The regional trade and tourism which began to accelerate in step with the new peace agreements was not entirely new.

All Middle East experts have known for years of Israeli products being traded through third countries, from citrus repackaging in Cyprus for Saudi Arabia and the Gulf to agricultural machinery

finding its way to Arab states. Increased contact has brought the Arabs a link into Israel's marketing networks in the West, and Israel has gained slow acceptance as part of the Middle East scene.

THE commercial fallout from the diplomatic developments falls into

four main categories: Israel has fully normalized relations, made treaties, or has partial agreements, with five of its immediate neighbors - Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinians, Turkey and Cyprus.

At the forefront of the dealmaking, Israel and Egypt are building a 100,000-barrels-a-day oil refinery near Alexandria, partially financed with \$300 million from the European Investment Bank. This year Egypt is expected to agree to supply Israel with 7 million cubic meters of natural

The deal will also include sup-

plies to the Palestinian Authority and Jordan. Agip, Amoco, and Egypt Gas are working on a 250km. gas pipeline across the Sinai.

Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians have also been negotiating to link their power grids. develop Red Sea tourism and set up economic zones for joint manufacturing. The projects are estimated at more than \$1 billion.

Tourism packages are now in place or being developed that include Cairo, the Nile, Sinai, Jordan's ancient sites, Jerusalem, and the "triplet" resorts - Eilat, Akaba and Taba. Israel and Jordan have agreed to a joint venture on the Dead Sea's eastern shore. The \$. project aims to produce 25,000 tons of potash a year. lordanian factories are already producing elothes for export through Israel.

At the next level, Israel has established low-key diplomatie relations and trade with Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Tunisia, and Mauritania (Mauritania became the third Arab country after Egypt and Jordan to establish full diplomatic relations last year, but its economic remoteness places it in this category.)_

Oman has been one of the most forthright in speaking out for trade with Israel. Its foreign minister, THOMAS O'DWYER

Yousef bin Alawi, has said publicly now is the time for business. while diplomacy can wait until all formal treaties are negotiated.

There is no difference between selling directly to Israel or doing it through a hidden party," he was quoted as saying recently. "We cannot remain forever prisoners of the past."

The Enron Corporation of Houston, Texas has drafted a deal to supply Israel with natural gas from Qatar's vast gas fields. Starting from the year 2000, Qatar would sell five million tons a year to Israel for 25 years at a currently estimated cost of \$5.5b.

Morocco, Tunisia, Oman and Qatar have set up or are establishing mutual trade or interest centers with Israel.

Further down the line, Israel has made some contacts, but has no deals or overt trade with Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Algeria. A peace treaty with Syria would undoubtedly move the majority of these states up into the "normalized" categories.

At the bottom of the list come the region's anti-Western "no

hopers" - Iran, Iraq, Libya and Sudan, who remain virulently hostile and dedicated to Israel's destruction. They will change only if they change their regimes.

THIS IS not to say there is no hostility among those already doing business with Israel and the sensitivity of new partnerships still means that many deals are done in secrecy - media inquiries are not welcome. Top Arab businessmen may be more interested in profits than politics, but they are careful not to get too many steps ahead of domestic public opinion. In most Arab states this has been formed by decades of hostile anti-Zionist propaganda and changes slowly.

The peace with Egypt bas for long been called a "cold peace" because most Egyptians have failed to change their deep-seated dislike of Israel, and while Israeli tourists have flocked to Egypt, it remains socially unacceptable for most Egyptians to come bere.

Nonetheless, Israeli exports to Egypt have jumped threefold to \$30m. a year since 1993 and

imports quadrupled to \$47m. Arab businessmen privately admit that with Israel setting up textile and other operations in their states, attracted by low-cost labor, Arabs gain much-needed jobs and learn Israeli expertise.

third-country trading still going on, it is difficult to gather reliable statistics. The Foreign Ministry and chambers of commerce cooperate where necessary in protecting Arab businessmen and officials requiring confidentiality. Oded Eran, the director of the economic department at the

With much undercover and

Foreign Ministry, recently pre-dicted that Israeli trade with Arab states could reach \$1.5b, annually by the end of the century. The current level is around a tenth of that. Of course there are major differences between the economies of the Middle East. There are the poorer areas - Egypt, Jordan and

Syria; the oil-rich areas - Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates; and industrialized, democratic Israel. Per-capita GDP in Kuwait is still 20 times that of Egypt, and Israel's is 10 times greater than Jordan's.

GROWTH too is very patchy. Syria, Tunisia, Morocco and lordan have achieved rapid growth thanks to increased investment and an easing of some government controls. Kuwait is seeing accelerated growth spurred by reconstruction after liberation from the Iraqi invaders.

But oil exporters like Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Oatar have experienced negative growth because of the decline in the price of oil - virtually the only commodity they produce and sell.

Israel, with a relatively high, export-driven growth, is again the odd one out, as in so many other ways. The main difference is that it is not sensitive to major economic trends which affect the region. But changes in the political atmosphere can have profound economic consequences - what businessman does not remember the commercially bleak days of the Gulf war?

Foreign debt is one of the more reliable economic indicators in the region. Some Middle Easterners. (not surprisingly, the poorer ones) have worrying levels of debt, either in straight sums, or as a percentage of GDP - 100 percent for Jordan and Syria and 92 percent for Egypt (even with the cancellation of a large part of its debt by the US). No matter how successful, or unsuccessful, the new government is in pushing forward Israel's trade relations with its neighbors, the possibilities will remain limited until most Arab states put their creaking economic houses in order. Neither would a fittle democracy come amiss on the brink of the 21st century. A New Middle East, à la the New Europe, remains a dream as distant as colonizing Mars.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak talks with his French counterpart Jacques Chirac during a meeting at the Elysee Palace on Monday. Mubarak was in France for a day-long visit to discuss the Middle East peace process.

Palestinians' closest ally: Egypt or Jordan?

THE meeting between Dr. Dore Gold and PA head Yasser Arafat can be considered a small victory for the Palestinian leader.

Until oow, the conventional wisdom was that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's new govemment would not regard Arafat as a desirable strategic partner. Netanyahu's previous hints of returning to the "Madrid formula" were read as indicating a possible move to replace the old PLO by Madrid-delegation Palestinians negotiators from the territories like Faisal Husseini and Dr. Hanan Ashrawi. It is not clear if Gold's meeting indicates a shift in

the government's emphasis. From its inception, the government has had the pretexts to disengage from Arafat if the PA does not cooperate on fighting Hamas, and if the PA does not agree to change the Hebron redeployment plan.

· Arafat holds the keys in both cases. His people, namely the preventive-security apparatus of Mohammed Dahlan and Jibril Rajoub, are in charge of combating Hamas and other terrorists. On Hebron, Arafat is sure to

spike all efforts to change the agreement if he perceives that he is being bypassed, even if by his No. 2, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen). However, President Clinton has PINHAS INBARI

Arafat, a fact that must be taken into serious consideration by the new government.

Another coosideration arises from an important development at the recent Arab League summit in Cairo on the Palestinian question. The resolution supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital notwithstanding, the summit deviated from its traditional path when it mentioned only the need for a full withdrawal...

To where? It was not defined. This phrasing is significant in light of the withdrawal requested of Israel on other fronts - to the Jone 4, 1967 border with Syria, and to the recognized international border with Lebanon.

League get Arafat's approval to omit clear Palestinian borders from the final resolution?

If the answer is yes, it means Arafat may be ready for a deal with Netanyahu - to be flexible on the final-status negotiations if Netanyahu recognizes him as leader not only in Gaza, but in the West Bank too. The summit resolution on this point may be considered as the first offer of such a deal.

There was also US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's remark in Cairo that the "land for peace" formula should now be adapted to the new circumstances.

Arafat's embryonic hint might just seduce the new government into continuing along the road with Arafat, with some provisos. But the relationship with Arafat would not be a strategic one -Arafat was the strategic ally of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. The strategic ally of Netanyahu is King Hussein.

This is another good reason to think that ultimately the West Bank leadership will oust Arafat and align with Jordan, because this leadership is inherently Jordan-oriented, while Arafat's PA in Gaza is Egypt-oriented.

If the new government offers Arafat a de-facto state in Gaza, but with the West Bank linked to Jordan, the West Bank leadership THE QUESTION is, did the Arab might accept the offer. Arafat would undoubtedly refuse it.

We can surmise this from the suggestion for a tripartite meeting of Netanyahu, Arafat and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, The idea would be to confirm Egypt, rather than Jordan, as the closest ally of the Palestinians.

There seems little doubt Netanyahu would prefer the triangle Israel-West Bank-Jordan to Israel-Egypt-Gaza.

Turkey's Islamists unlikely to follow Iranian model

URKEY is a place where. formed. BMWs roam eities, but donkeys are the only transport in some villages. Luxurious villas sit shoulder-to-

shoulder with shanty-towns and the stock market and industry are booming, but 20 percent of the nation is illiterate. The rise to power of the Welfare

Party and the naming of its leader. Necmettin Erbakan, as prime minister last week has worried secularists while elating the more conservative Islamic-oriented population.

But both sides made it clear in interviews that they see little chance of an Islamic state being

Ukrain

"We don't want Turkey to be like Iran," said Durmus Cavdar, a 47-year-old factory worker in Sincan. "I stick to Islamic rules strictly in my home, but I don't

want them to be forced on others." Turkey rose from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire in 1923, built on Western norms. Its legal code came from France, Italy and Switzerland. The Roman alphabet replaced Arabie.

Most Turks don't want an end to secularism. The Welfare Party won only one-fifth of the vote, but led the field in December elections because of divisions in the center-right and center-left.

Welfare has argued that the nation's Moslem identity was swept aside during that transition, and modernity came at the sake of oppressed religion.

"I want Welfare to give us the freedom to practice our religion my daughter now has to take her scarf off when she goes to school. That's not fair," said

"But I also don't want them to ban alcohol or force all women to cover their beads. Islam and democracy can live together." Islam bans alcohol, but most Turkish Moslems wouldn't think of giving up raki, the anisene-fla-

SYRIA AND ISRAEL -

From War to Peace-making

At the Manhattan club, like hundreds of others in the capital, beer flows through the tap all night

Their ultimate goal is probably an Islamic regime, but they won't be able to do it - ever." said Tolga Isitman, a 16-year-old bigh-school student, as he danced to the live band. "They might do little things, but they won't have the power to change anything major."

The little things Welfare might change could be expanding lunch hours on Fridays to allow time for Moslem prayers, or tolerating Islamic attire in schools and govemment offices.

Iran welcomes Syrian mediation with Bahrain

RAN has welcomed Syrian mediation efforts to end a row between the Islamie republic and Bahrain, which has accused Teheran of masterminding a plot to topple its government, state-run Teheran radio reported.

It said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati expressed gratitude to visiting Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara over his "political efforts and goodwill to get rid of ambiguities in Teheran-Manama relations". Syrian President Hafez Assad

met with Bahrain's emir, Sheikh

lsa bin Salman Al Khalifa, after the Arab League summit in Cairo last week.

Assad reportedly was not pleased with language in the summit's communique. It expressed "strong indignation at the interference in the internal affairs of Bahrain" and added that Arab leaders "call on Iran to respect the sovereignty of Bahrain in order to prevent sabotage and to ensure peace and stability in the region."

Shara, who returned to Iran early this week after first visiting Bahrain, said he had held positive talks with Bahraini officials about ties between Teheran and

Manama, the radio said. Shara visited Iran on a weekend mediation mission. Bahrain last month accused Iran of supporting a Shi'ite Moslem-

led plot to overthrow the government by force and install an Islamic state loyal to Teheran. Iran denied the charges and offered to mediate between the the government of Bahrain and its Shi'ite opponents demanding political and economic reforms.

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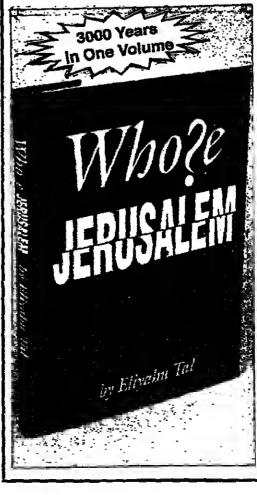
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONGRATULATIONS Sir. - We would like to congratulate the people of Israel for having the courage to face and make the hard choices. We feel that the socalled "peace process" was a sham

Oslo Accord. I only hope your American allies will have the same courage this November and opt for true peace and not the pseudo-peace our current

But the hlatant disregard of the

civil rights of large number of Israeli

citizens and the denigration of the

Judaism of the Diaspora will suggest

to most younger Jews, to whom the

Holocaust is history like the Cru-

sades and the Inquisition, that Israel

and that this would be the first

chance the people of your country could voice their opinion on the

is prepared to take risks for peace, we are determined to do our best to reduce the risks and increase the security of those who do that." What a paper tiger! This from the man who has barricaded himself in

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president has preached. We are em-

barrassed over his recent remarks

about how his administration will

deal with Mr. Netanyahu: "If Israel

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is irrelevant to them. This percep-Sir. - Netanyahu's caying in to the Orthodox will have little effect tion is wrong, but it will be very on older Jews like me, who recognize the importance of Israel to all

In a world that hates Jews to begin with, this division and separation of our people is unwise and dangerous. We are in some respects reliving the civil war described by Josephus 2,000 years ago.

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The first cut

budget cut is not easy, but the hard part is yet to come. All are agreed that government spending needs to be severely slashed - the days when government deficits were automatically covered by increased taxes seem to be thankfully behind us - the question now is whether the ministers facing the hudget ax will agree to see their newly acquired empires emptied of some of their treasures.

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Indeed, not all of the cahinet agreed with yesterday's proposals put forward hy Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor. Not surprisingly, the ministers facing the largest cuts - Defense Mioister Yitzhak Mordechai and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer - were among the five ministers who called for a less hard-hitting fiscal program. Arguments hetweeo the Treasury and the Defense Ministry over the size of the defense hudget (and the cost of army salaries and social benefits in particular) are nothing new, but over the past four years the Treasury has been hampered by the unhealthy fact that theo-defense minister Rahin always had prime minister Rabin's ear.

Now, with a prime minister determined to use his direct mandate from the electorate to push forward his views unencumbered by extra port-

ECIDING to execute a NIS 4.9 hillion folio obligations, the Treasury has an opportunity it must oot waste to hring the ecooomy hack on track. Netanyahu is correct for wanting to introduce economic change quickly and decisively. Economically, the longer hudget necessary cuts are delayed, the worse the eventual cuts will be; politically, Netanyahu has a window of opportunity which will close in the near

> On assuming office. Netanyahu received an economy which showed signs of serious disequilibrium. Any economic belt-tightening introduced now can be hlamed, rightly, on the profligacy of the previous government. Should he stall, Netanyahu will find a public less willing to put the hlame for a drop in the standard of living on former finance minister Avraham Shohat. And, with four years of his term in front of him, Netanyahu can take a chance on short-term unpopularity in return for a buoyant economy on the eye of the pext elections.

> Netanyahu is said to want the hudget discussions wrapped up before his visit to the United States next week. While this understandable, he should be careful not to allow himself to be pressured into making decisions due to an artificial deadline. The memories of the burnhling formation of his government due to a silly, selfimposed timetable are still too fresh in the mind.

Lift the closure

T is time for the government to seriously consider lifting the closure imposed on the Lterritories and Gaza Strip since the suicide bomhings of late Fehruary and early March. That under oo circumstances should the security and safety of any citizen be compromised goes without saying. But a long list of highranking security personnel - including OC Ceotral Command Maj.-Gen Uzi Dayan, OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen Shlomo Yanai, and General Security Service director Ami Ayalon - have stated the closure can be lifted while guaranteeing the necessary level of security. There are a number of compelling reasons for supporting such a decision.

The original impetus for imposing the closure was justified, following the brutal attacks in Ashkelon, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv in the span of a week. The closure sent a strong psychological message to the Palestinian Authority regarding the intolerable use of its territory as a springboard for terrorist attacks. But closures are effective only in the short term. In the long term they serve to huild up pressure and frustration, which may then be expressed in further

As Likud MK Gideoo Ezra, who as former deputy head of the Geoeral Security Service is not lacking in security experience, ooted recently, "Terrorists don't use Israeli permits, so they can still find other ways in, while the closure punishes those who seek to follow the law." One does not oeed to be a military expert to know there are a thousand and one ways to get around the closure; the unpatrolled back roads to Jerusalem are common knowledge in Ramallah. There have indeed been terrorist attacks during periods of closure - such as the one that took the lives of Efrat and Yaron Unger a month ago near Beit Shemesh. Instead of punishing the terrorists, the closure eods up exacting a heavy price from law-abiding Palestinians, who after all are our neighbors.

The main alternative to lifting the closure is institutionalizing it by effecting the full "separation plan," iocluding erecting a fence between Israel and the territories. But this plan is largely unworkable, expensive, and runs counter to opinions expressed by many government ministers. The latter have stated they prefer to view the country as one territorial unit and have opposed actions which would establish different statuses for Israel and the territories. Moreover, the contacts that have grown between the two sides of the Green Line over the past 29 years have created an economic and social interaction that cannot be easily undone.

The means of ensuring both security and Palestinian access to Israeli labor markets should include increased patrols along the "seam lines" aimed at preveoting infiltration; careful security checks of all persons applying for entry permits; the granting of permits to older and married individuals with no security record; and proper supervision of crossing points.

There are also economic grounds for lifting the closure. The closure is costing the Palestinian economy an estimated \$3 million to \$4m. each day, and has led to widespread unem' ployment in the territories. Under such conditions, the built-up frustration can only lead to an increased hatred of Israel that is inimical to cooperation and dialogue. No less a government official than Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu expressed the economic argument for lifting the closure best in an interview with The Jerusalem Post in which he spoke of his interest in promoting "a climate of economic freedom and cooperation between us and the Palestinians ... It is very much rooted in my basic concept of the value of free markets."

Israeli economic interests are harmed as well hy the closure, and not only because some industries that have in the past depended on Palestinian labor are forced to seek alternatives. The closure has also giveo various economic pressure groups the opportunity to distort economic activities. For example, it is oo accident that at the height of the closure special dispensations permitting the renewal of importation to Israel were granted to Gaza-produced textile products, but not agricultural produce. Security considerations played no role in those decisions - the simple fact was that the textile industry needed the Gazan product for its factories. while agricultural interests were keep oo blocking the entry of competitive produce into the Israeli market. The use of the closure as a tool of economic protectionism is counter-productive to the Finance Ministry's goal of increasing competitiveness in the Israeli market.

A decision by the government, eveo in principle, to lift the closure will enable Netanyahu to present President Bill Clinton in their meeting next week with one more positive Israeli gesture towards continuing the peace dialogue. Simultaneously this would strengthen Israel's insistence, over which there can be no compromise, that the Palestinian Authority take every step oecessary to comhat and to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure in its territory.

IMPROVE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Sir, - I would like to reply to Larry Derfner's column "Hail to the NRP" (J.P., June 20).

On January 10, I wrote to the then minister of education Professor Amnon Rubinstein asking him if he could explain to me the educational value of taking 15-year-olds to watch a transvestite performance at the end of which the class was asked the vote for "Miss Israel." I got a very shmaltzy reply which carefully avoided the question. Perhaps Mr. Derfner thinks that this is an improvement on teaching our children and grandchildren the history and traditions of our Jewish religion.

Yes, "Hail to the NRP" and may they improve the school system which badly needs it. Perhaps Israel should take an example from England which is currently engaged in re-training many teachers and firing those who cannot meet the required standard for good education.

MRS. ANN CAPLAN



Test of Bibi's mettle

THE amhush near the Jordan River that killed three Israeli soldiers and a series of relatively large-scale and well-planned attacks in Lebanoo seem to signal the start of a testing period for the new govern-

In the eyes of Israel's enemies, the new prime minister appears a young and inexperienced leader. one unable to make difficult decisions under pressure.

Escalating attacks on all fronts would create such pressure, leading Netanyahu to overreact resulting in international isolation and a crisis with the US - or to underreact, leading to internal conflict

Either way, Netanyahu loses and the radical Arabs win, The attack near the Jordan river demonstrated that Israel's other borders can also be crossed by

Although the demarcation lines between Syria and Israel on the Golan have been essentially free of cross-border forays - and attacks, it is possible that in the current political environment Assad could join in the effort to goad Netanyahu into overreact-

In such a situation, Netanyahu would be faced with an anxious Israeli public, split between supporters of a large-scale military response, regardless of the conse-quences, and doves urging caution and diplomatic solotions in the hope of avoiding a full-scale confrontation and a return to the

Our society could split even more seriously than in 1982. thereby becoming weaker. Palestinian or Syrian analysts and leaders could see such a process as an opportunity to cripple the government, forcing Netanyahu to resign or be forced out of office. This would leave open the way to the return of a more pliant Lahor party and

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Meretz oo the hasis of a renewed peace process based on Israeli concessions.

this scenario, Netanyahu's objective must be to avoid both extremes. He must neither overreact like Menachem Begin (under the influence of Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan) in 1982, oor underreact like Peres in the wave of snicide bombings

Netanyahu might learn a thing or two from Kennedy when he came to office in 1961

earlier this year. Finding just the right combination of military operations and diplomacy is very difficult, but with enough preparation, it is

Optimal targets for retaliation to any attack must be chosen, with an accompanying massive political campaign (Netanyahu's forte) to maintain domestic and international (mainly American)

Attacks into the Palestinian antonomy areas might be necessary in response to terrorism, but these should be limited in scope and time. The political goals for each military operation must be clearly defined (in contrast to the Grapes of Wrath debacle), and they should be realistic. (In 1982, the expectation that Israel could control the future of Lebanon was absurd and cost hundreds of Israeli lives with nothing to show

for the effort.) To the extent possible the US government should be brought

decision-making process, although ultimately decisions will be Israel's responsibility.

The military forces involved should be minimized, to avoid both the accideotal deaths of civilians and the weakening of political alliances. To provide loog-term hope, options for resuming the negotiation process should be kept open. -

In some ways, this scenario can be compared to the situation faced by President Kennedy when he assumed office to 1961. The Soviet leadership viewed the new president as young, inexperienced and "soft," despite his militant campaign rhetoric.

Khrushchev tested Kenoedy throughout his first two years in a series of confrontations beginning in Berlin and ending with the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

As a result, despite his personal popularity, Kennedy came under ntense pressure in the US, particularly from the military, to act more boldly in confronting the

During the 1962 Cuban crisis, he was concerned that any sign of weakness would cost him the 1964 elections - yet he also knew the risks of overreaction and the prospects of a onclear exchange with the Soviet Union. By carefully choosing his

responses (a naval quarantine and deployment of atrack aircraft poised for a strike at Soviet forces in Cuba) and forcefully explaining the American position in the UN, Kennedy and his advisors managed to avoid capitula-

Although the details are quite different, Netanyahu can fiod much to learn from this bit of his-

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A quartet of deputy PMs

RIME Minister Netanyahu stumbled to present his new government. His calimet included no less than four deputy prime ministers, but oo true deputy to succeed him in time of

This is oo fault of Netanyahu's. It results from a flaw in the new law for direct election which like its predecessor - fails to provide adequately for succession in case of the premier's death or incapacitation. This is a possibility no one likes to raise, but to

ignore it is perilous. Under the old law, ministers convened to select a colleague who was an MK to become an interim prime minister with the full powers of the office. The president then chose an MK recognized as leader of the major party to form a new government. This is what happened when prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated.

Israel was "lucky" then because Shimon Peres was the natural successor in the government and in the Labor Party. Today, a more likely Labor battle for succession would have been between Haim Ramon and Ehod Barak - not an appealing image.

But instead of learning from the experience of the Rabin assassinaoon - that a prime minister can die in office - Israel's legislators

Under the new law, if the prime minister dies or is incapacitated. his cahinet selects a replacement who serves as an interim prime minister with full powers until new elections are held for the prime minister within 60 days. Uotil a new prime minister takes Office, the previous government is frozen. No new ministers may be added, and none may leave.

Of the 17 ministers in the prime minister's government, only seven, including the prime minister, are Likud members. If the prime minister were to die, be incapacitated or were forced to resign immediately, the Likud. would only control six of the 16 votes in the cabinet. It would lack ADAM DODEK

the power to ensure that a Likud minister lead the nation in the transition to a new directly-elected prime minister.

The other members of the govemment could unite to select a minister who represents a party with less than 10 percent of the popular vote to become the interim premier.

The recent squahhling over portfolios demonstrates that nothing is

There's a flaw in the new law for direct election, and it has created an intolerable situation

certain within the government, or within the Likud. The Likud may not have the support of the majority of the population, but surely any replacement for the prime minister should come from his own party.

THE proposed adoption of the socalled Norwegian law under which all ministers would resign from the Knesset except the premier and his deputies adds a new twist to the problem.

Under the law for direct election an interim prime minister must be chosen from among those ministers who are MKs. This would leave only the deputies as possible

Fortunately the Likud's Moshe Katsav wrangled himself a deputy prime ministership. For none of the other three deputies - David Levy (Gesher), Rafael Eitan (Tsomet), or Zevulun Hammer (NRP) - are Likud representa-

If oot for Katsav, Netanyahu would have completely boxed his party out in the case of his death

wasn't concerned about succession or the fate of his party when he doled out the deputy prime ministerships. The fact is that the post holds no statutory power whatsoever. It never has. The existence of four incumbents reflects the positioo's lack of

importance. The proposed hills for the new law for direct election of the prime minister did, in their preliminary stages, contain various proposals for selecting deputy prime minis-ters. But somewhere along the line they vanished.

The new law didn't abolish the position, it just left it unregulated. A prime minister may choose not to appoint a deputy at all (as was the case with prime ministers Rahin and Peres) or, like Netanyahu, he may decide to appoint four. Nothing prevents him from appointing 10 deputies. It's an intolerable situation.

A deputy prime minister should be the prime minister's stand-in and replacement during crisis. There can only be one deputy. The role is too important to be handed out as an extra hit of prestige to coalition partners.

When the public votes for the prime minister, it has the right to know who will take his place if he cannot carry on.

The easiest solution would be to make the top party member on the prime minister's Knesset list the candidate for deputy premier. The deputy must be from the same party as the prime minister. In this election, these candidates would have been Uzi Baram and Yitzhak Mordechai, respectively.

Orderly succession is vital to democracy. Relying on a natural successor in time of crisis is an invitation to disaster.

The law should be amended to provide for a single deputy prime minister who would automatically succeed if the need arose.

The writer is a Fulbright scholar researching Israeli constitutional law.

Mud & morality

ELLEN HOROWITZ

guess the fact that Binyamin Netanyahu has a lovely wife and some cute kids must really irk some journalists.

The new leader's personal life seems to attract a steady flow of cynics and scandal-seekers all waiting in line to sling mud.

Maybe it's the American in me, but I was kind of sick of Israeli prime ministers with Polish accents and reclusive wives. I find Bihi's family a refreshing change. He seems to love his wife and kids sincerely. In fact, he car-ries that image off more successfully than his American counter-

Somehow Bill's and Hillary's affection for each other seems just a little stilted and reports of their considering adopting a child seemed a hit bizarre, as if they were trying too hard.

Maybe they are. American values with regard to family life are going through some difficult times. The image of the all-American family is fast becoming

more legend than reality. But in Israel, the traditional family structure still enjoys great popularity, which is why I'm at a loss over wby so many Israeli media professionals make a mockery of wholesome family

WHETHER on a kibhutz or in Mea Shearim, tourists from across the world marvel at the dominant role children play in Israeli society. Family life is a central theme in Judaism and at times it seems as if every other woman in Jerusalem is pregnant.

Speaking of "the other woman," I figure the journalistic obsession with Bihi's past can only be explained by one of four reasons. Either those journalists are:

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Far more pious and self-right-eous than I am; Complete low-lifes: Jealous of Bihi and the gang;

Sore losers. Because I like to think the best of people, I'll scratch the last three options and concentrate on

The media has put me to shame. Here I am, a religiously observant Jew who feels oo need to delve

... What a weirdo I must be. I feel no urge to delve into Bibi's past life

into Bihi's past. I just figured he was a classic case of a young. good-looking, secular diplomat who consequently lived a colorful life. It certainly didn't affect my

But I had those journalists pegged all wrong. They're far more concerned, even obsessed, with Bibi's morality than I could ever be. All those liberal, bohemian, free-spirited press people must be, deep in their hearts,

uptight closet conservatives. Believe me, I'm familiar with this syndrome. Years ago a boyfriend would put on Bach and I'd switch the tape to Pink Floyd. He'd talk of marriage and children, I'd laugh and speak of art, travel, and Greenpeace. He'd claim I was really a closet conser-

He was right - today I'm preg-oant with my sixth child, and he's probably living off in some commune in Tibet.

A few weeks ago Closet Conservative Syndrome surfaced again. A close friend who was a staunch lesbian and defender of say rights showed up at my door. It seems she went straight and at the age of 45 got married and had a kid. I stood in the doorway and stared at ber in disbelief. The only thing between us was my stomach, a mezzuza, her baby and her wedding band.

Mercilessly I berated ber for being a hypocritical closet con-servative. For years I'd worked oo myself to accept her choice and be more tolerant. I came to terms with her lifestyle, and she had the audacity to switch on

But it seems people change. So, really, it's okay for all you journalists; political commeota-tors and television personalities to come out of the closet - unless of course, you'd rather continue wallowing in the mud. We know you really like Israel's "first fam-

In the past we were never sure if an older prime minister was speaking from the heart or jost trying to make his mark in the annals of history. At least when Bihi talks about peace we know he's got a lot at stake, because his future is wrapped up in his kids.

Come to think of it, at the next Washington peace-signing cere-mony, I wouldn't mind seeing a couple of Bibi's toddlers running across that wide expanse of White House lawn.

The writer is an illustrator and





Filling the gaps

Today's landscape architects have to take the 'leftovers' after buildings are already in place, **Esther Hecht** reports

EREK Bok had a problem. from the ground. Porgetfulness. Not his own. but that of staff and students at Harvard University where he was

In winter the maintenance workers, who hated having to look after the fountains, would fill them with earth and plant them with talips. By spring, all anyone could remember was how beautiful the talips were.

To produce a campus fountain no one would forget, Bok timed to landscape architect Peter Walker, who had chaired the landscape department of the university's Graduate School of Design. Walker produced an ingenious solution for all seasons.

Instead of a traditional basin, he created a 20-meter-wide circular: area of large, smooth stones. Water rises from the ground in a fine spray, behind which the innermost stones seem to fade away, or "dematerialize," as current architectural jargon has it. At might, lighting from below makes them materialize out of the

In the heat of summer, students sit on the stones, cooling off in the mist. Passersby who circle the fountain are sure to see a rainbow of refracted light in the spray.

And in winter, the fountain doesn't go away. Though capped with snow, the stones are still there as reminders, and instead of cool mist, pumped steam rises.

FORGETFULNESS, especially in the form of poor maintenance, is the landscape architect's greatest bugbear. This is especially true in Southern California, where Walker does much of his work.

. Like Israel, that region has long, dry summers and frequent droughts, which are disastrous for gardens.
"Universities are notorious. Cities are worse. When there's a drought, they turn off all the water and don't ask what needs watering," he said, drawing nods of "I know exactly

what you mean from his Jerusalem audience. Walker was one of eight leading architects from Europe, Australia and North America here recently to present their work at the third ben-nial Jerusalem Seminar in Architecture, sponsored by Yad Hanadiv (the Rothschild Foundation).

This year's seminar topic,
"Technology, Place & Architecture,"
is particularly relevant for landscape architects, whose sphere of opera-

tion has changed radically, Walker

Ideally, they should be involved in a project from its inception, so that it "grows" from the ground. In the 19th century, they were asked to design large spaces: city parks and university campuses, for example. Today buildings are large and



Peter Walker (r) used trees from an older park in his redesign of Fort Worth's Burnett Park (Gerald Campbell)

complex, drawing attention to themselves and surrounded by labyrinths of "infrastructure" - pipes, roads,

Landscape architecture is often relegated to what's left over, which Walker describes as "a series of peripheral spaces."
Typical of the constraints of infra-

structure was the entrance to the subway station at San Francisco's busiest street corner where Walker was asked to design a mini-park.

To a depth of more than a dozen meters, the space below street level is a tangle of wires and pipes. To provide trees for this park, Walker had them planted in pots, and then suspended the pots in the belowground airspace.

WALKER IS not averse to using technology to highlight nature. But landscape architects in general are less enthusiastic than other architects about technology, especially when it attacks natural systems.

Japan, where he has designed several large projects, is one place where Walker set out to rescue nature from the ravages of technology. But to do so, he had to change a cultural mindset.

Traditionally, well-to-do people lived in the valleys, closer to sources of water, and only poor people lived on hills. So the developers' idea of preparing hills for construction was to grade them. To persuade local officials that it was possible to build on a hill without grading it and destroying the natural forest, Walker hired a poet to translate his ideas into the highest literary language.

Asked what he thought about the

use of public space in Jerusalem, Walker commented that in San Francisco, where he now lives, the city fathers had wisely set aside the hilltops for parks.

Jerusalem's planners have followed a different strategy, building on the hilltops and trying to save the valleys as public open space, "That's a great idea," Walker said, but added that local counterparts are concerned that the valleys should also be kept

Do Israelis really need lawns? The little house with the front garden" is a very British notion, something not found in France or Spain, Walker said.

But the real question is what kind of space one needs for private and for public things. "You don't need a lawn to do private things," he said. In New York City, for example, he has designed rooftop gardens for apartment houses.

MICHAL Amitai, of Giladi Amitai Architects in Safed, believes we need to see green around us - and not just on rooftops. She was one of



hundreds of Israeli architects who attended the three-day seminar.

Many of Walker's ideas are applicable here, she said, though she sees him as an international designer, someone whose designs will look beautiful anywhere, as opposed to herself, whose work is part of a tradition of local architecture that is far more connected to place.

Particularly adaptable in Israel is Walker's use of natural materials especially of stone - in parking loss and in fountains, his reliance on indigenous plants, and his belief that architects must make more use of the seasons.

Here especially, "because we have such a short spring and fall, landscape architects must use plants in a way that will help people notice the change of seasons," Arnitai said.

She disapproves of the tendency to use fewer and fewer plants in response to the problems of maintenance Walker mentioned.

Instead, the proper approach is to educate those who commission the work. And she cited a story Walker had recounted: When investors balked at his demand for an employee to maintain the plants he had included in his design, he asked them whether they also planned to do without someone to maintain the millions of dollars' worth of technological equipment they had installed. They got his point.

Architecture film library opens

OOKING back at the age of 85 on his career as an ■ architect, a ramrod-backed Frank Lloyd Wright confessed to an interviewer. Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility. I chose arrogance and have seen no reason to change, even

Explaining why he entered architecture in the first place, he said dryly that he was born into it "My mother wanted a son who was an architect," and he was her only son.

This 1953 film was one of five screened at the third biennial Jerusalem Seminar Architecture. Others focused on Peter Eisenman, John Hejduk, Louis Kahn - three giants of American architecture - and on Bauhaus in America,

The films are among more than 50 available on loan from the Architecture Education Archive, recently established by Yad Hanadiv (the Rothschild Foundation) which sponsored the seminar. Also available are the filmed lectures and discussions of the two previous seminars.

The films are available to individuals or institutions for educauonal, nonprofit purposes. There is a handling fee of NIS 30 per film, for a two-week loan, A onetime fee of NIS 300 covers an unlimited number of films.

According to seminar coordinator Lynne Rosman, the ultimate goal is for the film library to be

taken over by a university. Yad Hanadiv is located at 16 lbn Gvirol Street in the Rehavia quar-

ter of Jerusalem.

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Six more ways to connect with your kids

ONTINUED from last week, here are six more great methods for busy parents to spend time with their children in a mutually beneficial and enjoyable way.

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quite verbal but quite congrete," says child psychiatrist Ian Canino. "So the best way to communicate is through an activity "When roller blades first came out, my son wanted to learn to

skate. So we rented two pairs,

and learned together. "I was a teacher and learner and so was he. We fell down together and got up together. He

felt very proud and kept wanting to do it together.
"It became our special project and it was an incredible bonding.

FAMILY STORIES "Tell me a story about when you were a child," Ilana will often say. Or (for the hundredth time), "Tell me about my birth." She also asks for stories about when her grandparents were

As tedious as it may be for me to repeat familiar tales over and over, my kids can't seem to get enough of them.

And telling them not only connects us in the present moment, it creates bonds between my children and their own past, adding to their sense of who they are and where they came from.

After a while, you'll notice your kids have their favorites. "Tell me about the time you lost your tooth in kindergarten," Yosef will say. Or, "Tell about the time Grandma came home and her mother wasn't there."

PLAYING GAMES For those of us who would

rather do anything - even clean the stove - than play Candy Land, Dr. Yammer suggests finding a game both you and your child can enjoy, such as Junior Scrabble.

"Play on the floor rather than the table." he advises.

"Kids feel more connected to you on the floor. You're more on their level. You've gone to them."

PARENTING RUTH MASON

If your child insists on playing the board game Trouble and you hate it, focus on other things, says Dr. Yammer, "There are lots of interactions I can have with my four-year-old that are not about Trouble, like counting spaces and learning simple strat-

egy.

I'm not necessarily playing Trouble. I'm observing my daughter and engaging her around issues of her development."

ROUGHHOUSING

Hillary Milgrom, a mother of three who is also a family therapist, finds ways to connect with her children even when they are

When talking doesn't work, as it often doesn't, she asks "Do you want to play the pushing game?"

Mother and child then stand facing each other in the center of a room, grasp each other a upper arms and push.

The idea is to try to push your partner to the other side of the room. Hillary will put up a valiant struggle but let ber child "win." Invariably, by the end of a few rounds, the child is giggling and the anger has dissipated.

Another version is for Mom or

Dad to stand in front of the sofa holding a pillow. Let your child run at you as fast as she can and push you down onto the sofa. It helps if you grosn or protest as

MAKE BELIEVE During a picnic with friends

when Ilana was six, she got tired of playing frisbee and climbing

"Let's pretend to be fairles,"

she snggested. I besitated, not wanting to leave the grown-ups, but finally agreed. Following her lead, we hid behind some bushes and talked about our lives as wood nymphs.

I had to put my rational self on hold and enter her world but once I did, we were in it together, sharing what to Ilana was a secret, magical and exciting adventure.

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My friend Claudia bas a knack for getting into her four-year-old daughter's make-believe doll games. She sits on a couch with Lesley, each of them holding a

Following Lesley's lead, Claudia becomes the doll, speaking and acting for her. As with discussing books, this

one-step-temoved, activity, may reveal things about your child's thoughts and feelings that she may never tell you directly.

AND YES, TALKING Christina's favorite time with nine-year-old Georgia is the coffee-and-juice break they take weekly at a local cafe. "We talk about her world, but it isn't easy," Christina admits.
"I have to probe a little. If we're alone, it works, but if her

little brother is around, it's a dis-

"I want to give advice, to fix things for her but I try to shut up and listen. I try to say things like 'Why is that?' or 'Give me another example.

"I can only do that when I'm not distracted, which is why we go out. Usually I just can't stand it and throw in a piece of advice at the endl

"What's important is her feeling that I'm really listening to her and not talking to my four-yearold or answering the phone." "Most parents have a natural,

unexplored connection to their kids," says Dr. Yammer. "We don't think much about it, we take it for granted. But I think both we and our children benefit from a specific expression of that connection.

That takes paying attention. It's so easy to not be attuned to our kids, to be thinking about work or the mortgage.
"Those moments of connection

build on all the other time we spend together. But it's also important to set aside this special time. Our children experience us completely differently when we are focused on them."

A rainbow of languages edging toward oblivion

O ahead, try to "make my day" in Budibud. Or "surf the Net" in Bukiyip. Or "do a dcal" in a dialect of Bo. Linguistically speaking, you aren't going to get there from here.

.. New . Guinea's . 1.300 . languages come up short in the trite and trendy. But they make up for it with the treasures of neless tongues: a wealth of words for nature's works, for myths and age-old rites and magic, and a complexity rich enough to turn a linguist's inquiry into a lifetime endeavor.

There's just one problem: The timeless tongues are running out of-time.

"To some extent, almost every language in the country is endangered," said Bill Staley, a linguist in Ukarumpa, a missionary outpost in Papna New Guinea's lusb Central Highlands.

In fact, languages around the world may share the same fate. Scholars believe 90 percent of human languages may disappear by the mid-21st century, pushed to oblivion's edge by the spread of English and other "world" languages via media, trade and migration and by the pressure of dominant vernaculars in their

own bomelands. A thin, underfinanced line of linguists around the world is trying to bold back the ride and save - or at least document - many of these "small tongues." In America, more than 150 native languages are declining. In India, 149 are endangered.

The challenges are everywhere. But just as archaeologists flock to Egypt and arr lovers to Rome, linguists gravitate to this corner of the western Pacific, where one-fifth of the world's 6,000 languages, from Abaga to Zimakani, are apoken on a rugged tropical island. Terrain explains New

Guinea's linguistic diversity.

The islanders - now 4 million - developed in isolated units hemmed in by mountains, sea and rivers, and by the enmity of the tribe over the hill. "You'll find people living on hills in grassy swamp areas, and

a US-based, nondenominational

Christian organization that

translates the Bible into the

world's minor tongues. The translator-missionaries, usually husband-and-wife teams, typically spend 15 to 20 years in a remote village, learning the language, developing an alphabet and translating the

Bible. Often they learn native speech with the help of villagers who speak the English hybrid Pidgin, Papua New Guinea's unofficial vernacular.

Institute teams are working on 185 New Guinea languages and have completed translations for 94. And they bave shed new light along the way on the human gift of tongues. In New Guinea you can find,

for example, the language with the world's fewest basic units of sound - Rotokas, with just 13 as well as the one with the most - Yele, with 96 "phonemes." One language has a vocabu-

lary of a mere few hundred words - apparently a tribe with an especially simple life. Another has 68 ways 10 pluralize nouns.

One count finds 117 languages with fewer than 100 speakers. And the languages can be as different as Spanish is from Japanese. In fact, seven are "isolates" - with no relationship to any known tongue in the world.

The euriosities are boundless: One group has named each bird by mimicking its sound, and calls dogs "mufff."

With no word for "pilot," people speaking Olo - Staley's specialty - settled on "man who holds the nose" of the helicopter. And oddities relate not just to modern concepts: Olo each hill has a different larger has no distinctive word for guage, maybe 200 people each," walk," Instead taking "ile," Staley and Pfantz are with the Staley and Pfantz are with the Staley and Pfantz are with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, here, "stand" there – in other To bolster tribal tongues, the words, walking.

But if the gaps are striking -no language here is believed to have a "thank you" or "hello" the riches are even more so. In Olo, Staley bas identified 40 metaphors using "heart" for the range of emotions, from

"good beart" for thankful to "erusty heart" for stubborn. "If you bave 36 names for banana and 36 for sago palm, English looks pretty impoverished to cover the things impor-

tant to these people," he said. For scholars, documenting grammars and vocabularies belps build universal linguistic theory. But actually saving languages would do more.

"Western culture tends toward 'Everybody does it this way,' "Pfantz said. "But to wipe out this diversity of humankind and make us all clones of each other, well ..."

New Guineans themselves feel even more strongly about

their "home" tongues, squeezed by English, the official language, on one side and Pidgin on the other.

"You're looking at distinct communities with our own way of life," said Otto Nekitel, a languages professor at the national university. "It sadderis me. ...

government is urging localities to use their languages - not English - in the first three grades of school.

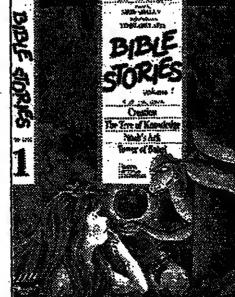
Internationally, UNESCO's 2year-old Endangered Languages Project makes small grants to linguists to document dying tongues. And the University of Tokyo has just established an Internet database to compile basics about individual languages and, eventually, vocabularies, audio texts and other resources.

But it's an uphill struggle against a landslide of homogenization, a trend typified by the first Papua New Guinea entry in UNESCO's "Red Book on Endangered Languages."

It lists "Aribwatsa," and then notes, "One very old woman

"When the last person dies off," laments Pfantz, "it's like burning a library building."

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Digital to fire 7,000 Wertheimer fails due to slow PC sales

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

DIGITAL Equipment Corp., suffering from a decrease in personal computer sales, yesterday announced plans to take a \$475 milsales. lion fourth-quarter charge to cut about 7,000 jobs, or 11% of its employees, as part of a larger restructuring program.

The job cuts are expected to affect support staff in the Massachusettshased company's European and American subsidiaries, said CEO Robert Palmer.

Following the announcement, Digital (NYSE) shares fell 4 1/4, to 41 5/8, in late morning trading.

Palmer said that the decision to make the cuts is a continuacion of Digital's long-term restructuring program that began several years ago, at a time when the developer of networked platforms for client-server computing was not sure it would

survive. Since the late 1980's, Digital has cut its staff by about half and become a world leader in the PC market. However, Palmer said, Digital is currently hurting from a decrease in PC sales in Europe. Digital executives, speaking on a conference call, said fourth-quarter net income will be less than the 74 cents a share in the third quarter, and revenue for the quarter ended June 29 will be less than the \$3.75 billion level it reached in the same period one year ago. "We obviously are not satisfied

results," said Palmer, adding that the revenues will fall \$150m. short of expectations. "The financial performance of our personal computer business is unacceptable." Digital's troubles reflect a trend in

the cyclical PC industry, analysts

with the current business financial

attempts to block the issue.

having a net value of NIS 5 and

carrying the same voting right as

The decision is expected to pave

the way for IDB to increase its

capital on the TASE in the future.

The decision required the approval

of more than 75% of the share-

IDB is controlled by the

In recent months, Wertheimer,

acting through his company Iscar,

has purchased IDB shares with

holders present at the meeting.

the ordinary shares.

Recanan family.

"If Digital is having problems and they've got some of the best equipment in the industry - then perhaps they won't be the only ones with negative surprises this quarter," Scott Morrell, a money manager at Flippin, Bruce & Porter, which owned about 500,000 Digital shares

at the eod of March, told

Eitan would consider selling gov't share of Agrexco

DAVID HARRIS

AGRICULTURE Minister Rafael Eitan said yesterday he would oot rule out selling off the govemment's 50-percent interest in Agrexco, the agricultural export-

The remainder of the company is owned by the growers.. Meanwhile, Agrexco predicted yesterday that 1995-96 will be the best season in the company's

Under the Carmel label, Agrexco exported 300,000 tons produce, including fruit, vegetables, and flowers, for a turnover of \$650 million, a 20% increase on the previous seasoo. The company exported 75,000

totaling some \$20m.

tons of fruit, up 31,000 tons from the year before. The most popu-lar fruit was the avocado, which constituted 66% of the total export volume. This despite the fact that farmers have been facing stiff competition in receot years from the Mexican avoca-

The ability to compete successfully is thanks to the latest agrotechnical methods being used by the growers, Agrexco Managing

Director Shlomo Tirosh said. Vegetable exports were also up 33,000 tons, or \$70m., oo the

previous 12 months. Similarly, flower exports were up 20%, to \$255m.

Teledata wins \$3.3m. European contract JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

TELEDATA Communications announced yesterday it has received a \$3.3 millioo order for its CTLOOP Pair Gaio System from an undisclosed European customer.

The CTLOOP system increases telephooe companies' capacity by using HDSL technology that allows the companies to simultaneously transfer 10 calls over the same pair.

After an intensive hidding process, the Herzliya-based company, whose main international competitors include ECl and Philips, was awarded the contract

"All the telephone companies use this type of solution," said Shmuel Arvatz, CFO of Teledata, adding that overall customer satisfacoon with Teledata's network access solutions has helped to enhance sales.

Since the beginning of 1996, Teledata (Nasdaq) has received orders

to block IDB share issue **GALIT LIPKIS BECK** THE shareholders of IDB Holding Corp. voted yesterday to

enlarge the company's registered the aim of increasing his control of the group to 25% before the general shareholders' meeting, a shareholders' capital despite iodustrialist Stef Wertheimer's share which would have enabled At the general shareholders meeting in Tel Aviv the shareholdhim to prevent IDB from increasing its registered capital in the ers approved the board of direcnear future. The industrialist tors' decision to enlarge the combought a 13% stake in IDB in late pany's registered share capital to May, for about NJ\$ 170m. and NIS 300 million, from NIS 200m. additional shares during the last In an announcement to the Tel few weeks. But despite his efforts, Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) the Wertheimer managed to increase company said the increase will be his share only to slightly more done hy creating an additional 20m. worth of IDB shares, each than 15%.

Wertheimer's acquisitioos of IDB shares were made in the framework of the entrepreneur's plans to force IDB owners to sell their holdings in Iscar. IDB has a stake in Iscar through its subsidiary Discount Investments, which owns 25.3% of Iscar's shares. About half of Discount Investments earnings come from

At the general shareholders' meeting, attorney Nir Cohen, oo behalf of Wertheimer, tried to prevent the vote from going ahead,

arguing that the shareholders did

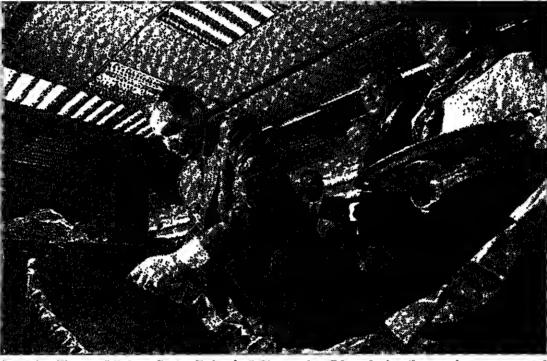
Investments have been involved in a battle associated with the

Over the last few days,

not have sufficient information to decide. The other shareholders present disagreed with Cohen, and the vote was concluded in less than 20 minotes. Sources close to Wentheimer said the industrialist is considering filing a suit against the company on grounds that the vote was illegal. Wertheimer and Discount

publication of Iscar's financial statments for almost a year. Wertheimer refuses to publicize the privately-owned Iscar's financial statements on grounds it gives competitors access to husiness information about the company. Discount Investments has demanded the publication of the results as part of the group's consolidated financial statements.

Wertheimer and representatives of Discouot Investments have held talks to try to resolve the problem. Sources involved said it is too early to say whether anything will come out of the talks.



Yagoslav Finance Minister Jovica Raicevic (left) cuts the ribbon during the opening ceremony of the Belgrade bourse trading floor in the Yugoslav capital yesterday. The bourse moved into new premises to allow fairer and more efficient trading.

Clalit's share of health funds drops slightly

KUPAT Holim Clalit's share of health taxes continues to drop, albeit oot as drastically as when the national insurance system was implemented 1g months ago. The National Insurance Institute said yesterday that 66.02 percent of health taxes it collects during the

second half of 1996 will go to Clalit, compared with 66.74% during the first half of the year.

The other three health funds all slightly increased their share at Clalit's expense. Maccahi will get 17.48% of health taxes (compared with the previous 17.08%); Leumit will get 8.68% (compared to 8.56%); and Meuhedet will get 7.82% (compared to

funds' respective share of members. Since Clalit has proportionately a larger perceotage of elderly members, it receives several times more compensation for

Clalit spokesman Rahel Bluestein said yesterday that the health fund's membership has not declined, but has oot grown as fast as the increase in popula-

The NII will divide some NIS 7 billion among the four health funds during the second half of this year. The total number of residents eligible for health coverage is 5.57 million. From December of last year through May, some 106,000 residents (adults and childreo) switched health funds.

them than for younger members.

Boeing, GE in business jet venture

SEATTLE (Reuter) - Boeing Co. and General Electric Co. said yesterday they have formed a joint veoture to develop a medium-sized husiness jet that can fly nonstop between continents and can be reconfigured easily by differeot users.

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GE will be a minority participant and the plane's launch customer, ordering two of the jets for corporate use. Delivery of GE's first plane is scheduled for the end of 1998, the companies

The Seattle-hased veoture, Boeing Business Jets, was formed in response to demand for a business aircraft that has a range of over 6,000 nautical miles, they said.

The husiness jet, derived from the next-generation Boeing 737-700, will include an interior with more flexibility than any other corporate jet. The Boeing 737, the hest-selling commercial jetliner of all time, is usually used for shorter and intermediate length routes.

Customers will be able to configure their airplane for each trip - as a meeting center, comor employee transport - in order to accommodate all of their unique trip requirements," said Phil Condit, Boeiog chief execu-

The airplane will cruise at speeds up to 0.82 Mach, equivalent to a ground speed of 550 miles per hour, and will be able to serve such routes as New York to Tokyo and London to Johannesburg. The airplane will be powered by the world's best-selling jet engine, the CFM56, produced by CFM International, jointly owned by GE and SNECMA.

Boeing Commercial Airplane Group will provide airplanes to Boeing Business Jets, which will then deliver them to a customerselected completion ceoter, the companies said.

Boeing's stock rose 25 ceots to \$90.125, while GE edged up 25 cents to \$87.625 early on the New York Stock Exchange.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Businesses falling behind in payments: Despite a small improve ment in June, the economy's rate of timely repayment worsened in the first six months of 1996, compared with the same period last year, a Dun and Bradstreet survey of firms' ability to pay on time indicated.

The survey shows a 29% growth in the number of firms that did not pay their debts on time in the first half of 1996. The worsening in timely repayments was reported in all sectors. Galit Lipkis Beck

Polished-diamond exports down: June's polished-diamond exports declined by g percent, to \$263 million, compared to the same period last year, the Ministry of Industry and Trade reported.

Exports of rough diamonds, which are partly processed in Israel, totaled \$54m., a 38% decrease compared to June 1995 Ministry officials said the decrease is due to the low quality in the rough diamond market. Officials also hlamed the decision by the

owners of the Australian Argyle mine, the world's largest diamondproducing mine, to pull out of the De Beers diamond trading cartel. Exports of the polished stones stood at \$1.96 hillion for the first balf of 1996, a 2% increase compared to the same period in 1995.

Satellite-communications workshop ends: The first Israel-sponsored satellite communications workshop for Black Sea Economic Cooperation member states, concluded in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Participating states included Russia, Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria and Greece as well as other European and North African countries, such as Tunisia, Egypt and Italy.

The Foreign and Communications ministries hosted the two-day

Conference on technology in education opening: The first International Federation for Data Processing conference is being held this week at Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim.

During the week-long seminar, sponsored by UNESCO, representatives from the 18 participating countries will discuss technological developments in education. Other subjects on the agenda include new teacher training pro-

grams, and a presentation by the Jewish Agency demonstrating its use of the Internet to teach people about Judaism. David Harris Air France rules out sale of Europe arm: Air France chairman

Christian Blanc has ruled out selling the group's troubled Air France Europe domestic and regional arm, and said he wants to turn the loss-making subsidiary around.

Blanc and Air France Europe managing director Jean-Pierre
Courcol had wanted to launch a new European airline in 1997 by

bringing together Air France Europe and Air France's European operations to meet increased competition. In the event of not being able to do this one of the options they

considered was selling Air France Europe.

But setting up a new airline depended on Air France Europe's pilots signing new contracts which they refused to do.

EU clamps down on illegal Asian textile exports: The European Union has resorted to the highest technology to combat fraud surrounding textile imports from South Asia.

The European Commission said yesterday it had introduced new export license forms in Bangladesh which were as counterfeit-proof as the most sophisticated bank notes.

Bangladesh is often the unwitting source of a great deal of the fraud, a commission spokesman said, because it has no textile quotas and no tariffs on exports to the EU,

Unscrupulous operators have forged textile licenses on products from third countries to suggest they originated in Bangladesh, the

Lloyd's to announce bumper profits for 1993

LONDON (Reuter) - After five long years of terrible losses, the Lloyd's of London insurance market is expected next week to unveil bumper profits of oearly £1.2 billioo (\$1.87b.) for the 1993 underwriting year, a

key independent analyst said yesterday.

The 1993 pure year has turned up some phenomenally good returns," said Chatset, an independent and authoritative analyst group that looks only at Lloyd's. It estimated that the marine market produced an average return of 20 percent.

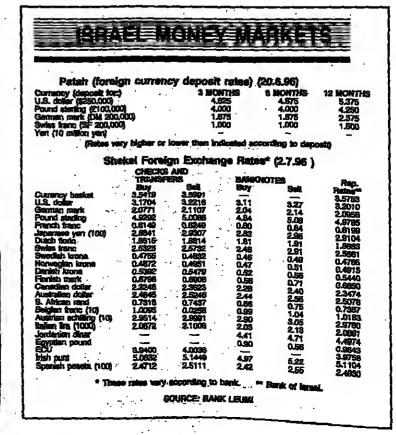
But a one-off payout of £400 million of reserves from the years up to 1992 for those investors or Names who weathered the worst years and continued trading in 1993 may fuel criticism Lloyd's is not doing enough for Names facing financial ruin. "It is oot fair, because if the surplus of reserves is genuine it belongs

to the 1992 and prior Names," said Chatset. "It is not necessary because Names writing in 1993 are receiving handsome profits and were not expecting any additional income." The expected dramatic turnaround in the 300-year old market's fortunes and the special payout mean that Names who traded in 1993 will

pocket a total of £1.4b. after charges, representing a return of 15.8 percent on stamp allocation - the capacity to generate premium income.

The figures should reinforce Lloyd's chairman David Rowland's belief that the disastrous years of the market's not too distant past will soon be oothing but a half-forgotten memory. A loss of £1.19b. for 1992

took losses announced over the past five years to over £8.0b." Under Lloyd's proposed recovery plan, all pre-1993 losses will be reinsured into a new company called Equitas, enabling the market to pass a solvency test at the end of August. Names will vote on the plan at Lloyd's annual meeting this month.



Polish developer to resume work near Auschwitz

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WARSAW (Reuter) - A Polish developer, whose plans for a su-permarket opposite the former Auschwitz death camp sparked an international row, said yesterday he would resume building work there despite official opposition_

The developer, Jamesz Marszalek, told Polish radio that a legal order suspending work had expired and he would defy threats by the government to send police

"Work will start at 8.00 a.m.," an official at offices of Marszalek's Maja company rold.

Earlier this year, the project to build shops for local people in existing buildings near Auschwitz aroused strong criticiam from lewish and other groups.

The Polish government supported these objections and last month adopted a major plan . drafted by local authorities to improve the conservation of the former camp complex and its surroundings as a place of remembrance, :

The costly, long-term plan, which includes removing inap-propriate buildings and roads from near the camp perimeter, is due to be ready by September 15 and meanwhile the anthorities

say Maja must suspend work. But Marszalek, who has offered to change his scheme into a parking, bookstore and catering facility for visitors to the museum at the former camp, says that delays are costing him money and

It fell just before President

Aleksander Kwasniewski's trip to the United States next week to meet President Bill Clinton.



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Internet indecency ruling appealed to US Supreme Court

PHILADELPHIA (Renter) -The federal government, in court papers released yesterday, asked ' ruling to the Supreme Court. the Supreme Court to overturn a landmark lower court decision blocking prohibitions against indecency on the Internet and other computer networks.

The government is seeking to reverse a June 12 preliminary injunction by a three-judge panel of the US District Court for Eastem Pennsylvania, which blocked as unconstitutional key provisions of the Communications Decency Act (CDA) signed into law by President Clinton on February

The law, part of a sweeping overhaul of the nation's telecommunications regulations, carries fines and penalties of up to two years in prison for those distributing to minors over computer networks materials that are indecent or "patently offensive."

The act, which is supported by backers of traditional family values, was immediately challenged as an impermissible restriction on First Amendment free-speech rights in a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), representatives of the publishing and computer industries, and other groups.

A provision in the law allows direct appeal of any lower court

Both sides in the controversy said their positions would be bolstered by a Supreme Court decision on Friday regarding cable television, a medium where, like computer networks, legal questions regarding free-speech protections are relatively new and

"This decision [in the Internet case) doesn't have a prayer of being upheld by the Supreme said Bruce Taylor, chief counsel for the National Law Center for Children and Families, which supports the indecency provisions.

Taylor said the Supreme Court in its cable decision reaffirmed the appropriateness of applying legal restrictions to indecent speech, in contrast to the panel in the Internet case, which found the indecency provisions

unconstitutional. Taylor said the most likely outcome was that the high court would overturn the lower court's Justice Department spokesrejection of applying indecency man Joe Krovisky said the govstandards on the Internet, and: ernment would have 60 days to send the case back to the lower file with the Supreme Court a court for a trial on whether the. "jurisdictional statement" outlinact could be complied with ing the basis of its appeal.

But ACLU attorney Marjorie Heins said the cable decision also upheld the principle that "any attempt by Congress to restrict speech is subject to very searching scrutiny under the First Amendment"

Such scrutiny means restrictions are unconstitutional unless the government can prove they are necessary and narrowly tailored to avoid restricting protected speech, Heins said.

"In the CDA case we have a very strong record that the goverament did not meet that burden. This is a criminal ban, 1ta very sweeping, much more sweeping than the statute struck down on Friday," she said.

Asked to assess the chances her side would prevail, she said, "I think we have a very strong record from the three-judge court. in Philadelphia, and 1 would certainly be very hopeful that the court would affirm the prelimi-

nary injunction."

Lockheed-Martin wins reusable rocket contract

PASADENA, California (Reuter) - Vice President Al Gore yesterday said aerospace giant Lockheed-Martin Corp has been awarded a nearly \$1 billion contract to build the next generation space shuttle.

Gore's announcement at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here ended a three-way battle between Lockheed-Martin Corp., Rockwell International Corp. and Mc-Donnell Donglas Corp. for the contract to build a reusable rocket that could replace NASA's

fleet of space shuttles. Gore said the move would add 2,000 new jobs in California and need rebuilding after each flight. hopefully tens of thousands over . As the need for satellites for time. The bidders have each worked for 15 months on the design and concept of an X-33 pro- cargo costs to as little as \$1,000 totype. The three year contract is per pound from current levels of to build and flight test the X-33 as much as \$12,000 while making which will be the basis for the

new generation of space shuttles. NASA's goal is to perfect a shuttle that is cheaper to operate than existing shuttles by climinating disposable parts. The new shuttle will be totally rensable, like a commercial aircraft, whereas the existing shuttle's fuel tank before the spacecraft enters ser-

private industry increases, NASA hopes the reusable rocket can cut , as many as two flights a month.

Once the three-year X-33 phase ends, NASA plans to cut off funding from the project and let private industry take over.

Analysts estimate the project could cost \$5 billion to \$10 billion is discarded and fuel boosters vice in 2005.

Sears keeps Whirlpool as key Kenmore supplier

)) ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

CHICAGO (Renter) - Sears, Roebuck and Co. said yesterday it decided keep Whirlpool Corp. as the sole supplier of its Kenmore washing machines, ending the biggest phase of a massive review of vendors that has saved the retailer millions of dollars.

Sears, the nation's largest appliance retailer, said it wrapped up six months of negotiations with manufacturers of its Kenmore appliance lines, including laundry products, refrigerators,

stoves and dishwashers. As a result of the evaluation, Maytag Corp.'s Jenn-Air unit will begin making Kenmore drop-in countertop stoves for Sears. But, unlike some past product reviews by Sears, few other changes were made in its relationships with

Kenmore vendors. For Whirlpool, which has been making Kenmore washing machines for the past 80 years, the deal ends speculation that rival General Electric Co. would steal away some of that business.

For Sears, the analysis was the latest and biggest phase of a huge undertaking begun in 1993 to slash costs without resorting to

"Sears has gone through a lot of reorganization over the previons five years," said Chairman Arthur Martinez. "What I was concerned with was, we were going back to the same old well trying to draw water out of it."

After chopping 50,000 jobs, closing its century-old catalogue operation and shutting 113 stores in a restructuring in 1993, Sears has sought other ways to cut

"All the energy had been expended on the personnel costs of our organization," Martinez said. Meanwhile, Sears had a \$12 billion annual merchandise bill that had not been exhaustively combed for savings.

we have as a company, and we ances in the United States.

said 'Well, that's just as fertile ground for us to examine as our operating expenses," he said.

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Early this century, Sears got into the manufacturing business to guarantee ample aupply of merchandise for its stores. Its ties with those vendors have lasted for decades.

But the chummy relationships have changed since the sourcing review began. Several manufacturers, eager to preserve their Sears business, boosted quality and efficiency to meet the retail-

er'a new demands. By renegotiating agreements with producers of everything from tires to newspaper advertisement inserts, Sears is paying less for some products than in the past. In other cases, vendors have cut Sears' costs by improving product quality, delivering prod-ucts more efficiently and adding more consumer-friendly features

to their goods. The retailer puts its savings from the review at more than \$350 million, or about 6 percent of the \$5.5b. In products it has scrutinized so far.

The appliance review did not result in dramatic shifts for manufacturers of Kenmore products, including General Electric.

GE will continue to make Kenmore ranges, dishwashers and refrigerators; AB Electrolux's Frigidaire unit will keep producing Kenmore freezers, refrigerators and air conditioners and Raythcon Co.'s Amana will continue to aupply refrigeratora under the Kenmore name for Sears.

Benton Harbour, Mich.-based Whirlpool posta an catimated \$700 million a year in sales of Kenmore-brand laundry prodncts, or about 9 percent of its total appliance sales.

The laundry review was closely watched by Wall Street because Sears sells an estimated 25 per--"It dwarfs the payroll expense cent to 30 percent of all appli-

Stocks up slightly after budget cut announcement

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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STOCK indexes advanced as the government announced a budget cut of about NIS 5 billion, raising investors' hopes that the central bank will cut interest rates.

The Maof index advanced 0.75 percent, to 210.57, and the Two-Sided Index climbed 0.6% in 198.46

The most active stock was Teva Pharmaceuticals, down 1.7% on NIS 3.9 million worth of shares traded. Teva's American Depository Receipts, each representing

10 shares, were down 7/8 at 37%. Yesterday morning in New York, Lehman Brothers said it placed Teva's stock on a second list of the securities of the securities firm's "10 Uncommon Values in Common Stocks," Lehman ranks the stock "buy," with a price target of 78 to 80.

The market indexes declined earlier on, gained more than a point after the budget-cut announcement, then settled, said Dror Kraus, a trader at Haron & Lavi, a brokerage subsidiary of Koor Industries, in Tel Aviv. It's a "deep cut," about 3% nr

4% of the budget, he said. "Our estimates were about three or four' billion shekels, he said. Prime Minister Binyamin Ne-

tanyahu, speaking at a news con-

the cuts would be made, Kraus suggested that the defense and education ministries would be the main targets. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Ex-

ference, declined to say where

change, some NIS 61.4m. of shares traded, 17% less than last months average of NIS 74.4m. In the broader market, about five issues fell for every four that rose.

Investors and traders here have been calling on the government to create what they call a package deal, entailing government spending cuts, a weaker shekel to boost exporter's profits, and low-

er interest rates. A weaker shekel makes exparters' products cheaper for nverseas huyers. Exporters also pay cost and salaries in the weaker local currency while earning revenue in dollars, which translate to more shekels when converted.

Koor gained 2.3%. Koor ADRs, each representing 0.2 ordinary share were up 1/8 at 175%.

Tadiran, a subsidiary of Koor, which has interests in defense, telecommunications and consumer products, fell 2% in Tel Aviv. The ADRs, each representing one ordinary share, were unchanged at 261/4. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street slide hurts world markets **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - An early decline on Wall Street helped wipe out initial gains in stocks amid cautious trading ahead of the key US monetary policy meeting of the Federal Open Committee. After days of gains, the FTSE 100 closed just 0.1 points higher at 3.725.7, losing an early 19-point

FRANKFURT - Shares ended the day lower, dragged down by a lower opening on Wall Street and a general lack of direction on the market ahead of tomorrow's Independence Day holiday in the US. The IBIS DAX index, which gauges electronic trade in the 30 most important German companies, ended the day at 2,565.32 points. Earlier the DAX index ended at 2,572,25 points, up 8.25 points. It had earlier reached an all-time bourse high of 2,581.66

PARIS - Snares ended lower, after having enjoyed small gains for most of the day, hit hy the fall-out of a strong rise in US new home sales. The blue-chip CAC-

40 index closed down 6.95 points or 0.33 percent at 2,111.80.

ZURICH - Shares, closed, at a record high, propelled by a 12 percent surge in CS Holding following news of a major restruc-The market's attention was squarely on banks after CS said it would be renamed Credit Suisse Group and be headed by Lukas Muchlemann, currently chief executive at insurer Swiss Re. The all-share SPI closed up 11.06 points, or 0.46 percent, at

TOKYO - Stocks closed weaker in very quiet trade, despite a surge in New York overnight. Share prices were in a minor adjustment phase with no downside risk, they said. The Nikkei average was down 107.52 points at 22.347.97.

SYDNEY - Shares finished near their highs after a Dow surge on Monday, hut the market once again was held back by weak metal prices. The benchmark All Ordinaries index closed 11.2 points higher at 2,256.3.

NYSE closes lower pending Fed moves WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks would leave interest rates alone moved lower yesterday as inves- for now. But until the Fed issues tors took a cautious stance during an official verdict, few investors the central hank's deliberations nn interest rate policy.

The Dow Iones industrial average lost about 10 points, recovering from a morning loss of nearly 35 on a late-session rebound led largely hy the blue-chip barometer's oil components.

Broad-market measures. slipped too, with the Nasdaq market showing the steepest loss, after the latest in a series of negative earnings outlooks from computer-related businesses.

Trading was fairly restrained

after Monday's late rally, which was spurred by optimism the bank, the Federal Reserve, 3.5 percent.

were willing to bid prices higher.

"With the Fed meeting until tomorrow, I don't see a lot of people wanting to get terribly aggresaive," said Bill Mechan. stock market analyst at Prudential Securities. "Everyhody is kind of waiting for confirmation that the Fed won't do anything.

Bonds slipped yesterday morning, palling stocks lower, after the Commerce Department reported that new home sales rose 7.5 percent in May to the highest level in 10 years. Analysts, noting sharply higher mortgage rates. had expected sales to fall about

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Weizman salutes Olympians

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ISRAEL'S Olympians can rest assured - President Ezer Weizman will be watching their every move on his TV set. This was the message that

Weizman relayed to the Olympic delegation last night as he bid them an official farewell at the Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. Germi Weizman revived memories of

the first Maccabiah in 1932, saying that under those conditions, utes ir "nobody even dreamed of the Olympics." behin

He continued that the 25 sportspeople, including seven immigrants, who will represent Israel in Atlanta, reflect "Jewish and internecional sport."

Israel's representative on the the rc International Olympic Committee. Alex Gilady, awarded a medal to Israel's first Olympic medalist, judoka Yael Arad while fencer Lydia Hatoel-Zuckerman presented Weizman with the symbol of the delegation. Matt

Ester Shahamorov-Roth, finalist in the 100 meters hurdles in Montreal 1976, addressed the delegation, sharing with them their pressures and expectations. The state has invested in you and now it wants results," she said, but "the most important thing is that you all return home

The ceremony ended two days of final preparations for the squad which included a visit to the monument in Tel Aviv in memory of the 11 athletes murdered at the Munich Games and a stop at the Western Wall.

What did bronze medalist Oren Smadja request in the note be stuck into the wall? "The same thing I asked for in Barcelona. Then it came true so maybe this time it also will," be said.



GOOD LUCK - President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, wish success to Yael Arad (right) and the rest of the national Olympic delegation at a reception last night in Jerusalem. (Isaac Harari)

Zabel wins third stage

NOGENT-SUR-OISE, France (AP) - Erik Zabel of Germany outsprinted Monday's wincer, Mario Cipollini of Italy to take the third stage of the Tour de France

Frederic Moncassin of France (GAN) took enough bonus seconds during the day to take over the overail lead from Switzerland's Alex Zulle (Once) who had retained the first since the opening prologue Saturday. As the other two stages so far,

the sprint decided the wincer of the Wasquehal to Nogent-sur-Oise leg. 195 kilometers. This time it Zabel of the German Telekom team who held off Cipollini. Cipollini had won on Monday

but was dropped from secood place to 37th on Sunday after he nearly drove pair of riders into the

Today's fourth stage is from Soissons to Lac de Madioe,

Griffey, Piazza lead All-Star selections

NEW YORK (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza were the top vote getters Mooday in final fan balloting for the July 9 All-Star game in Philadelphia.

Griffey, the Seattle ceoter fielder sidelined with a broken hand, received 3,064,814 votes, more than 500,000 more than the next closest player, Baltimore shortstop Cal Ripkeo.

Griffey, a seven-time All-Star, was also the top vote getter in 1994. However, he bad surgery on his right hand June 20 and will not play in Philadelphia. He also missed last year's All-Star game because of a fractured left wrist.

Piazza was named on 2,272,115 ballots. The Los Angeles Dodgers catcher will be making his fourth All-Star appearance. Major league

announced that more than 10 million ballots were cast, an increase of 73 percent over last year's total. Joining Griffey in the American League's starting outfield were Cleveland teammates Albert Belle and Kenny Lofton. Belle received 1,692,409 votes and Lofton was named on 1,337,262 ballots.

The likely replacement for Griffey io the outfield is the fourth-place finisher, Baltimore's Brady Anderson, who leads the majors with 28 homers. The AL manager makes such a seleccion,

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Sampras, Graf, Date advance at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON (AP) - Pete Sampras and Steffi Graf overwhelmed their opponeots in straight sets yesterday to move closer to retaining their Wimbledon titles.

The top-seeded Sampras served 17 aces - including two in the final game - to reach the quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win over 16th-seeded Cedric Pioline of France.

"This is probably my best match so far of the fortnight," said Sampras, who is bidding for his fourth straight title. "I returned about as well as I could. I didn't serve that great but it was really a solid performance."

Graf advanced to the semifinals by outplaying sixth-seeded Jana Novotna 6-3, 6-2 in a match that had none of the drama of the 1993 final, when Novotna blew a 4-1 lead in the third set and wound up crying on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent.

Graf will next face 12th-seeded Kimiko Date of Japan, who rallied to beat a demoralized Mary Pierce. 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. From 3-3 in the second set, Date won nine of the next 10 games to take the match as the 13th-seeded Pierce caved in and stopped running for some shots that were just two steps away.

The other women's semifinal will pit fourth-seeded Arantxa

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Sanchez Vicario against unseeded American Meredith McGrath.

Sanchez Vicario, last year's losing finalist, needed just one bour and nine minutes to beat Austria's Judith Wiesner, 6-4, 6-0. The Spaniard was down 3-1 in the first set but won 11 of the next 12 games to run out the match:

McGrath surprised ninth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3, 6-1 to reach her first Grand Slam semifinai.

"I just stopped shaking five about five minutes ago," McGrath said. "I'm really excited to be here. Coming into the tournameot, I never expected (to get this far): It never crossed my mind." Sampras broke Pioline four

times, converting all four of his break points. He never lost serve, saving all four break points against him. Sampras' biggest scare came in

the first game of the third set when he hurdled his chair after running full speed for a sharplyangled shot by Pioline.

"I had only one place to go and that was up," Sampras said. He landed with both feet on top of a three-foot-high ball container. As his racket flew out of his hands, Sampras somehow managed to keep his balance and drop safely to the ground.

Sampras' next opponent will be

unseeded Richard Krajicek, who upset No. 10 Michael Stich, the 1991 champion, 6-4, 7-6(7-5), 6-4. Krajicek, 2 1.96m Dutchman with a huge serve, said he played one of the best grass-court matches of his life to reach his first

Wimbledon quarter-final. Stich said be was bothered by a sore shoulder and was serving below par.

Also reaching the men's quarter-finals were Americans Todd Martin and Mali Vai Washington and Romanian-born Alexander Radulescu of Germany.

Despite a back strain, the unseeded Washingtoo downed Paul Haarhuis 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 in less than two hours to advance to the first Grand Slam quarter-final of his career.

Washington will next face the 91st-ranked Radulescu, who beat South African qualifier Neville Godwin 6-3, 6-0, 6-4. Radulescu served 10 aces to bring his tournameot-leading total to 101.

Martin, the only remaining seed in the bottom half of the draw at No. 13, completed a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 win over Sweden's Thomas Johansson. The match had been suspended by darkness Monday after the third set.

This is the first time in the Open era that only three seeded players reached the quarter-finals.

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ping over. JoBeth Williams and John Hurt, both

of the series The Client, started out on the large

screen, and George Clooney of ER will get his

shot at movie stardom in a forthcoming film

Christine Lahti, who had a modestly success-

ful film career, is joining the cast of medical

drama Chicago Hope in its second season,

which begins tonight on Channel 2 at 9:30. She

replaces Mandy Patinkin, who never seemed

able to tailor his look-at-me-Ma style to the qui-

If the first half-hour of Chicago Hope doesn't

grab you, try tuning in to The Tourist at 10:05

p.m. on BBC World. Last week's episode in this

series on the history of tourism looked at holi-

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8:00 TV Shop 14:00 700 Club 14:30 In the Devit's Garden - Police hurt a man who has been assaulting I girls. (90 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Manage 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Hart to Hart 18:40 A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 CNN 20:30 Coach 20:55 Sliders 21:45 Sea Quest 22:35 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live 00:00 TV shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons 16:30 On the Side of Justice 17:30 Discussion in Arabic 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Documentary in Russian on traveling to Jewish communities 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Nostalgia

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Alpine Academy 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Everything's Open 19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtities) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 The History Makers 21:30 Mozart on Tour 22:30 Star Trek The Next Generation 23:15 Mother and Son

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dalias (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 Young and the Restless 19:30 Local Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Melrose Placa 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Under Suspicion 23:20 Wings 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Sweet Justice 1:20 Rosie O'Neill

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

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13:00 Casablanca Express (1989) – Nazis try to kidnap Winston Churchill (rpt) 14:30 Seeing Stars 15:20 Lady for a Day (1933) – A poor apple seller pretends to be an aristo-crat. With May Robson and Warren Williams, Directed by Frank Capra (95 mins.) 16:50 4 Squared - next week's movies 17:00 Twist and Shout (1986, Danish) - two boys try to cope with growing up in the Stoies (rot) 18:50 growing up in the States (rpt) 1650/ The Other Side of Love (1991) - Cheryl Ladd plays a woman Imprisoned for 15 years, who tries to improve conditions.: (rpt) 20:25 The Witches (1990) - A little

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CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 6:35 Draculito Mon Seigneur 9:00 Birrky Bit 9:40 Batman 10:15 Simba the Lion King 10:50 Chiquititas 11:45 Weird Science 12:20 VR Troopers 12:50 Harry and the Hendersons
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19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married
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SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Reflecting Skin (1991) - A boy becomes convinced that the next-door neighbor, e widow, is e vampire. With Lindsay Duncan and Jeremy Cooper. Directed by Philip Ridley (91 mins.) 23:35 Rad Hot and Blue (1949) - Betty Hutton plays an ambitious showgirl. Directed by John Farrow (84

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 13:00 Combat at Sea (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Combat at Sea (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The Wild South 21:00 The Panda: Awakening Giant 22:00 Future Quest 22:30 Ancient Warriors 23:00 The Wid South (rpt) 00:00 Open University (rpt)

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Morning Report from Wall Street - live 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Posterior Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portraits of tha Century 20:00 Europe 2000 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 PGA Golf 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

INSTAR PLUS

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6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Game to Order American basketball (rpt) 17:30 Argentinian Leagua Soccer 19:00 Special Broadcast: Water sports at the Ashdod marina 19:30 Beach Volleyball 21:00 Pro Football 22:00 Game to Order: European Cup soccer (not) 23:00 The Extreme Olympics

PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Sports Magazine 8:30 Futbol Mondiai 7:00 Wimbledon, women's quarter-finals (rpt) 13:00 Squash: World Cup 14:00 International Motor Sports Magazine 15:00 Wimbledon, men's quarter-finals – livs 21:00
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BBC WORLD

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NUSICE OF MUSIC

5:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Dvoralc Plano trio op 90 "Durnky" (members of Czech Trio); Mozart: Pieno concerto no 15; Weber: Bassoon concerto in F op 75;Stamitz: Sinfonia concertante in D for /s;stamuz smiona concertante in D for violin, viola and orch (Stern, Zukeman/English CO/Barenboim); Walton; Symphony no 1 (London SO/Previn); Stravinsky: Song of the Nightingale 12:00 Light Classical — Gounoct Funeral March of e Manonette; Heisbert March of the Tome Light Herbert: March of the Toys; Liszt: Liebestraum; Brahms: Hungarian Dances nos 1-6; J, Strauss II: Tales from the Vienna Woods 13:00 Amadeus Quartet - Brahms; Quartet no 1 in G minor for piano and strings op 25 (with Giles); Schubert: String quartet in G minor D173 14:06 Encore 15:00 Keys 16:00 Corelli; Concerto Grosso op 6/2: 16:00 Coreli: Concerto Grosso op 6/2; Bach: 4 duets for harpsichord nos 802-805; Schumann: 3 duets, String quartet op 41/1; (Heydn: Sonata no 13 in F (Fuxon-Heyman); Scriabin: Sonata-Fantasy no 2 (Fuxon-Heyman); Sibelius; The Origin of Fire cantata 18:00 Mozart: Quartet in G minor for piano and strings K478; Weber: Clarinet concerto no 2; Dvoraic Quintet in A for piano and strings op 81; Kabalevsky: The Comedians 20:05 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA—live from Henry Crown Auditorium. Conductor David Shallon, soloist Barry Douglas (piano). M. Wiesenberg: To Jerusalem; Beethoven: Piano concerto no. 5 "Emperor"; Prokolier: Symphony no. 5; 23:00 Golden Generation—Schubert: Winterreise, comparisons of Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Heins. Hotter, Pilchard Tauber and others (part 4) Richard Tauber and others (part 4)

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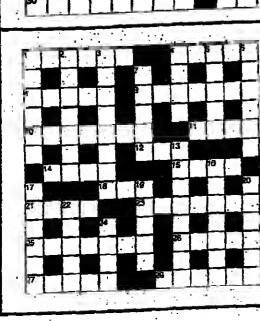
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THE National Religious Party vesterday proposed that Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman get the Religious Affairs portfolio and that it and Shas each get a deputy minister. But Shas rejected this latest attempt to resolve the dispute over which party would get control over the coveted portfolio for the first two years of the gov-ernment's term, before handing it over to the other for the subsequent two years.

The only positive development was the fact that Shas put off its deadline for pulling out of the coalition from today to Friday. If it does not receive the portfolio by then, it threatens to leave the coalition. The NRP bas issued a similər ultimatum.

Likud insiders believe neither party really wants to bring down the government, and that the dispute will end with some form of comoromise. The portfolio is for-ma...y soll being held by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu had already decided to give the ministry to Shas first, but had to put off giving them the portfolio due to the NRP's vehement protests. Netanyahu finally asked Ne'eman to try to work out an agreement between the two parties, but so far he has not suc-

The idea of giving Ne'eman the portfolio came from the NRP's MK Hanan Porat, who noted that Ne'eman is observant and highly regarded by both the religious-

TO understand why the

Religious Affairs Ministry is so

holly sought after by the reli-

gious parties, one need only take

a quick look at its budget for this

year. This shows that, of the total

expenditure of NIS 1.2 billion,

some 53 percent - or NIS 644

million - went to support for

Religious Party and Shas have

agreed to share the ministry, with each providing a minister for two

years of the four-year term, both

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Even the United Torah Party.

which is supposedly not in the

running for the ministry, appears

eager to take it over. In fact, Rabbi

Eliezer Schach, mentor of the

Degel Hatora branch of the party.

told his followers they should

give up the Housing Ministry with

its vast resources, in order to take

over the Religious Affairs

National

Torah institutions.

if it does not.

Although the

While Porat suggested each party then get a deputy minister, he made no reference to which of the two parties would get to appoint the new director-general.

Shas spokesmen said yesterday the party had never been approached with this idea, but rejected it in any case.

According in Shas, the NRP proposal was not much different from a previous suggestion to turn the portfolio over to United Torah Judaism. The NRP suggested that if it went in the UTJ, then the UTJ could yield its Housing portfolio. which could then be handed to Likud MK Ariel Sharon, thereby ending two problems with one

Shas accuses the NRP of seeking all sorts of solutions to prevent Sbas from getting the port-

Shas proposed that it get the portfolio first, but that any appointment it would make would be contingent on NRP approval. Shas argues that the NRP is fear-ful Shas would fill the ministry with its own appointees if it gets the ministry first.

The NRP responded to this proposal by saying it had not heard of

t and in any case rejects it. Ne'eman had also been asked by Netanyahu to find a way of putting together the new national infrastructure portfolio for Sharon, but has so far oot succeeded in getting any minister to yield any sphere of influence to help create the new ministry.

Religious parties vie for powerful ministry

BACKGROUND

HAIM SHAPIRO

Even beyond the sum allocated

to yeshivot, the ministry has a

profound influence on religious

institutions in Israel and, far more

important, over the officials who

There is, for example, NIS

62.8m. which is set aside for

"Torah and baredi culture," an

allocation which former religious

affairs minister MK Shimon

Shetreet described as going almost entirely to Sbas institu-

tions. Shetreet also pointed out

that, in addition to the funds

which went directly to yeshivot,

another allocation went to supple-

ment the income of those studying

Arye Frenkel, haredi political

analyst, says that for the haredi

world, it is this ministry which is

the pivot of power. "Although the

government ministries give ser-

vices to the entire population, the

in these institutions.

head these institutions.



Immigrants from the US and Canada mark American Independence Day, celebrated tomorrow, and Canada Day, which was Monday, at the annual AACI picnic held yesterday in Jerusalem's Sacher Park

Tichon vetoes 'insulting' Netanyahu questions

NEWS

"WHO are you Binyamin Netanyahu?" The Knesset might never hear the answer to this

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (Likud) yesterday removed from the agenda a motion bearing this title, saying the phrasing was insulting" and bad not been approved by his office.

The motion, filed by MK Dalia Itzik (Labor), referred to investigative reports on Netanyahu's years in the United States, which have

appeared in local newspapers. Tichon relied on Clause 78 of the Knesset House Rules, which requires that all motions to the agenda be approved by the Speaker, who can refuse to permit

Religious Affairs Ministry was set

up specifically to serve the baredi public," Frenkel says, ... He notes that, in addition to the

funds distributed to Torah institu-

tions, additional amounts are allo-

cated for Torah and halacbic

research. All this is virtually only

of interest to the haredi and

The ministry does allocate

the general population, in the

form of grants for mikva or (ritual

baths), synagogues, cemeteries,

rabbinical courts, and religious

councils, he says, but he adds that

even here, the minister can use his

power to wield poliocal influence

The minister, Frenkel says, can

appoint hundreds of members of local religious councils through-

out the country. The minister can also influence the appointment of

city rabbis, neighborhood rabbis,

Those are all prizes for your

and rabbinical court judges.

supporters," Frenkel says.

in the religious field.

Orthodox public, he maintains.

LIAT COLLINS

them if the phrasing or contents are insulting. He said the motion was based on rumors.

MK Ophir Pines (Labor) immediately took to the plenum floor to protest the decision, noting that Ticbon had previously refused to accept two other motions on

Netanyahu's past. "I bave a nasty feeling that we in the opposition are not being allowed to put on the agenda the subject of the prime minister's identity, according to the inves-ogaove reports of Ha'ir and Kol Ha'ir." Pines said. "This decision follows the invalidation of a parliamentary question I filed on the

question of the classified information [status] the US government placed on Netanyahu's personal file and, in particular, the question of the idenoty of John Sullivan, who used Netanyahu's social

security number." Pines said the Labor faction would consider filing a High Court petition oo the subject. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid later

filed a motion to the agenda under the title "Who are you, John J. Sullivan?" to protest the ban on Itzik's motion.

Sarid told reporters that although he does not usually deal with issues of a personal nature, his motion is to protest what he sees as "a grave and dangerous precedent."

Knesset to form 'media committee'

LIAT COLLINS

THE knesset will have a commuttee to liaise with the media, Speaker Dan Tichon said yester-

Tichon, who was one of the MKs who fought for live broadfunds which are meant to serve casts from the Knesser, told parliamentary reporters he is interested in widening the coverage, parocularly of economic committees. He has proposed fixing an 11 p.m. cut-off hour for plenum activity to avoid the situation in which MKs are seen speaking to an empty chamber in the early bours of the

> morning. Tichon spent his first week in office meeting with Knesset staff and MKs. Many of the MKs complained about the seating arrangements in the plenum and the rooms they have been allocated.

He said be hopes the Knesset

will soon degin functioning fully but noted that until the problem of an appointment to the Knesset House Committee has been solved, no other committees can begin their work.

The House Committee appointment is being delayed pending the High Court decision on a petition filed by Meretz Leader Yossi Sarid against the candidate for the chair, MK Raphael Pinhasi, oo grounds the attorney general has asked Pinhasi's immunity be lifted so he can be tried for fraud. An added problem is that it is the House Committee that bas to vote on lifting an MK's immunity. The Speaker has not yet received the opinion of Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar or Attorney-General Michael Beo-Yair on the subject.

Group wants A-G to lift Pinhasi's immunity

EVELYN GORDON

THE Movement for Quality Government in Israel yesterday petitiooed the High Court of Justice to order the attorney-general to ask the Knesset to lift Sbas MK Raphael Pinhasi's immunity so be can stand trial.

The petition was filed a day after a petioon by Meretz, which asked that Pinhasi not be allowed to serve as chairman of the House Committee.

However, the new peotion may get short shrift in the court, because Ben-Yair has not yet refused to do as the movement asks. It is a general rule that the court will review decisions that have already been made, but will not tell any government body in advance what decision it should

The movement asked Ben-Yair a week ago to resubmit his request for lifting Pinhasi's immunity to the new Knesset and Ben-Yair is still studying the issue.

However, the movement said that, given the urgency of the issue, one week should have been more than enough for Ben-Yair to reach a decision. It bopes to pressure him into doing so by means

of the peotion. The draft indictment which Ben-Yair's predecessor, Yosef Harish, prepared in 1993 charges Pinhasi with attempted fraud, falsifying corporate documents, conspiracy to commit a crime, and submitting a false declaration to the state comptroller. All charges relate to Shas's 1988 election campaign, during which Pinhasi hired yeshiva students, who are not allowed to work because they receive draft deferrals. He then allegedly failed to report this to the tax authorities and submitted a false set of books to the state

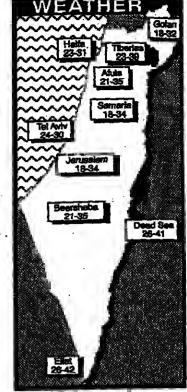
The Knesset agreed to lift his immunity in March 1993, but Pinhasi pectioned the High Court against this decision and the court ordered a revote. During the revote, in July 1993, the Knesset decided not to lift his immunity.

Sarid: Knesset needs language lessons

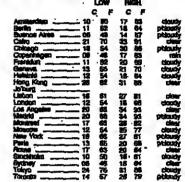
MERETZ leader Yossi Sarid has suggested appointing a linguistic adviser to the Knesset.

In a letter to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, Sarid said: "During the festive opening of the 14th Knesset important words were said by important people, but the words were flawed by painful linguistic blunders. Out of respect for the speakers, I won't repeat examples here; but the opening session was not unusual in this,"

SEASON'S SPECIAL



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, queen of bearts, nine of diamonds, and ace

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Golan leaders ask PM to make Sharon minister

DAVID RUDGE

GOLAN Heights leaders are urg-ing Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyaho to appoint Arie Sharon minister of national infrastructure.

The call was made yesterday by Katzrin local council chairman Sammy Bar-Lev and Golan regional council head Yehuda Wolman, a Labor Party member.

They are also pressing Netanyahu to immediately implement the Golan 2000 development program aimed at increasing the Jewish population of the region by a further 10,000 people by the year 2000.

The plan calls for a NIS 660 million government investment over the next four years to expand and improve infrastructure, including roads, industrial areas, sewage; and water networks, and public buildings.

Bar-Lev and Wolman noted that Netanyahu had promised, prior to the elections, that as prime minister he would implement the development program.

They intend to raise the matter with Netanyahu in a meeting to be held on Sunday and also press him to appoint Sharon as minister for national infrastructure.
"We are not saying this in order

to get Sharon a job, but because we know from past experience that he is best man for the job, for the country generally and the Golan in particular," said Bar-Lev.

"Sharon has done a great deal to help promote development of the Golan and nobody else could do it in the same way and certainly not on the same scope as he can.

"We want to utilize the next four years to expand the Golan and increase the population and lay the groundwork for further development afterwards. For those reasons we are calling for Sharon to be made a senior member of the government and put in charge of naconal infrastructure," Bar-Lev

